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FOR THE YEAR 1891-92.

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TO THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIPS,

WE have the honour to submit our Sixtieth Annual Report on the several services entrusted to our management, viz.:—I. LOANS. II. VOTED SERVICES, i.e., Services for which provision is made by Vote of Parliament. III. NON-VOTED SERVICES, i.e., Services provided for from other sources. IV. LIGHT RAILWAYS and TRAMWAYS. We submit a Statement of these Services, with their sub-divisions, in the following tabular form.

I. LOANS:

- (1). Loans secured on Undertakings, e.g.:—
For Inland Navigation, Harbours, Railways, &c., under 1 & 2 Wm. IV., c. 33.
For Labourers' Dwellings in Towns, and Housing of Working Classes, under Acts of 1866, 1883, and 1890.
- (2). Loans secured on Rates, e.g.:—
To Grand Juries for Roads, Bridges, Piers, Harbours, Lamentic Asylum Buildings, Courthouses, Reformatories, and Industrial Schools.
For purposes sanctioned by the Public Health Acts.
For Labourers' Dwellings under the Act of 1883.
For Dispensary Houses.
- (3). Loans secured on Lands, e.g.:—
For Arterial Drainage Works.
For Arterial Drainage Maintenance.
To Owners for improvement of Lands, viz.:—Drainage, erection of Farm Houses and Buildings, of Dwellings for Agricultural Labourers; Planting for Shelter (10 Vic., c. 32, &c.)
To Tenants for improvement of their Holdings, viz.:—Drainage, and most of the purposes included in the previous service (44 & 45 Vic., c. 49).
For Purchase under Land Act, 1870.
- (4). Miscellaneous Loans, e.g.:—
Glebe Loans.
For National School Teachers' Residences.
For Relief of Distress under Act of 1880.
For Seed Supply under Act of 1890.

II. VOTED SERVICES:

Public Buildings, Ireland, viz.:—

Naval and Military; State and Official Residences; Civil Departments; Legal Departments; Metropolitan Police; Royal Irish Constabulary; Dundrum Criminal Lamentic Asylum; Science and Art Department; Public Education; Royal University and Queen's Colleges; Revenue Departments.

Royal Parks and Gardens:—

Phoenix Park; St. Stephen's Green; The Curragh of Kildare.

Royal Harbours:—

Kingstown; Howth; Donaghadee; Duncannon; Ardglass.

Inland Navigations:—

Boynes; Malaga.

Royal University of Ireland Buildings.

Science and Art Buildings. New

Museum and National Library. Royal

Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin.

Ancient Monuments Protection Act,

45 & 46 Vic., c. 73.

III. NON-VOTED SERVICES:

Arterial Drainage Works.

Arterial Drainage, Maintenance and Increased Rents, and Railway Clauses Consolidation Act.

Fishery Piers and Harbours Acts, 1846 and 1883.

Fishery Piers and Harbours Maintenance.

Arklow Harbour.

Clare Slough Reclamation.

Shannon Navigation.

Irish Reproductive Loan Fund.

Sea and Coast Fisheries (Ireland) Loan Fund.

National Monuments and Ecclesiastical Ruins, 33 & 34 Vic., c. 46.

Post Road Repairs.

County Surveyors' Assistants.

Bridges, between Counties.

Limited Owners' Residences.

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Loans—Receivers' Accounts.

IV. LIGHT RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

The following is an ABSTRACT of LOANS made by the COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WORKS, showing the Amounts Received, and

No.	Acts under which Advances have been made.	PURPOSES FOR WHICH ADVANCED.	No. of years Loans allowed to run on 31st March, 1892.	AMOUNTS IN RECEIPTS.		PRINCIPAL.	
				In the Year ended 31st March, 1892.	Total up to the 31st March, 1892.	In the Year ended	
						Principal.	
I. Public Works Loans, 1 & 2 Wm. IV., c. 33, and 40 & 41 Vic., c. 37.							
CLASS I.—LOANS SECURED ON TOWN-TAKINGS.							
1	1 & 2 Wm. IV., c. 33.	Local Boards—various works.	20	—	156,636 0 0	16,872 10 11	
2	Do.	Island Navigation.	6	3,000 0 0	335,587 8 6	3,382 12 0	
3	Do.	Railways.	22	—	1,106,507 8 6	33,735 8 4	
4	Do.	Quarries, Mines, &c.	1	—	35,393 0 0	65 6 6	
5	Do.	Harbours, Docks, &c.	58	2,900 0 0	239,382 1 2	7,884 18 6	
6	Do.	Reclamation of Waste Lands.	1	—	139,692 0 0	—	
7	40 & 41 Vic., c. 44.	Laborers' Dwellings in Towns.	89	—	102,661 16 2	6,272 14 11	
8	40 & 41 Vic., c. 47.	Housing of the Working Classes.	91	10,091 16 2	249,054 10 0	5,095 6 4	
				200	20,991 16 2	2,599,621 6 11	60,376 4 8
CLASS II.—LOANS SECURED ON RATES.							
9	1 & 2 Wm. IV., c. 33.	Grand Jurors of Counties for Roads, Canal Docks, &c.	49	4,996 0 0	372,736 10 8	6,996 4 0	
10	Do.	Roads and Bridges.	7	—	200,877 0 4	6,933 15 8	
11	Do. { 41 & 42 Vic., c. 39, 48 Vic., c. 14.	Public Buildings; Reformatories; and Industrial Schools.	10	7,800 0 0	79,200 0 0	746 12 6	
12	3 Vic., c. 3.	Fishery Piers and Harbours.	1	—	35,364 17 8	67 22 6	
13	37 Geo. III., c. 54.	Public Works Loans.	1	—	481,444 10 8	—	
14	2 & 3 Wm. IV., c. 115.	Repairs of Foot Roads and Bridges.	6	—	154,507 1 6	29 4 6	
15	16 & 17 Vic., c. 135.	Repairs of Fishery Piers and Harbours.	9	725 3 6	16,354 8 4	658 25 10	
16	19 & 20 Vic., c. 67.	Maintenance of Navigation Works.	—	—	2,464 6 0	—	
17	1 & 2 Geo. IV., c. 62; 16 & 17 Vic., c. 163.	Lesser Asylum Buildings.	163	20,426 19 11	1,612,766 8 6	24,185 14 3	
18	26 & 27 Vic., c. 35.	Artisans' Dwellings.	3	—	61,300 0 0	1,016 6 11	
19	27 & 28 Vic., c. 65; 41 & 42 Vic., c. 33.	Public Health.	278	99,394 13 6	1,801,512 0 0	24,944 16 10	
20	49 & 50 Vic., c. 47.	Emigration.	29	—	11,738 3 10	303 7 4	
21	46 & 47 Vic., c. 30.	Laborers' Acts.	1,967	115,126 16 8	1,665,127 10 2	20,126 1 8	
22	47 & 48 Vic., c. 65.	Dispensary Houses.	118	4,365 8 6	80,938 18 8	1,668 18 0	
				6,948	671,476 16 10	6,595,554 2 10	55,289 16 8
CLASS III.—LOANS SECURED ON LAND.							
23	7 & 8 Vic., c. 26.	River Drainage and Navigation.	11	—	6,997,602 7 8	66 6 6	
24	16 & 17 Vic., c. 38.	River Drainage.	1,286	5,794 8 6	814,464 16 10	15,476 6 0	
25	19 & 20 Vic., c. 46.	River Drainage Maintenance.	261	600 0 0	46,704 16 8	1,023 8 8	

(Continued on next page.)

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Advances and Repayments in the Year, the Total Advances and Repayments to the 31st March, 1892, the the Balances Outstanding.

repaid and INTEREST paid to Borrowers.			Resulted.	BALANCES Outstanding applied Borrowers on 31st March, 1892.					No.
31st March, 1891.		Total to 31st March, 1892.		Total paid.			Interest.		
Interest.	Principal.			In Advance.		Not yet due.			
				Written off from the Account of Loans of the Local Loans Fund.	Other Advances.				
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
8,569 13 4	48,332 14 8	56,904 15 8	—	—	—	155,400 5 8	—	—	1
8,763 8 10	88,888 15 8	96,214 2 8	*18,000 0 0	5,988 18 0	4,000 0 0	84,382 0 8	1,165 0 10	—	2
10,007 16 7	427,080 10 1	558,182 12 8	—	—	840,810 11 8	835,808 8 10	148,148 18 8	—	3
22 8 3	54,863 18 3	5,345 12 0	—	—	—	427 1 8	—	—	4
18,780 4 3	111,280 2 8	343,318 18 8	78,886 8 3	—	10,848 8 8	121,925 8 11	12,475 10 4	—	5
—	—	18,000 0 0	—	20,131 0 0	—	101,800 0 0	28,878 17 8	—	6
3,322 7 0	46,681 1 11	47,858 4 10	635 15 8	581 18 0	1,380 4 8	120,438 1 8	885 17 10	—	7
3,888 10 8	48,880 0 7	52,568 0 3	—	—	90 1 8	120,438 18 0	111 14 10	—	8
84,547 8 11	718,318 8 0	836,071 8 1	81,471 18 8	13,201 8 8	426,723 3 8	1,483,768 8 8	198,368 0 10	—	
3,477 10 3	758,463 7 8	112,141 8 8	—	—	—	48,337 7 11	—	—	9
3,468 10 4	113,147 18 10	85,515 18 8	5,821 11 11	—	—	80,187 8 7	—	—	10
678 4 11	45,004 8 8	12,584 12 8	1,618 17 11	—	—	28,748 13 8	—	—	11
17 0 8	23,375 11 1	8,099 18 8	—	—	—	508 8 3	—	—	12
108 0 0	307,183 8 8	188,183 8 10	377,918 18 6	—	—	8,000 0 8	—	—	13
4 5 7	184,888 8 8	180 3 8	—	—	—	10 12 0	—	—	14
20 0 8	18,818 8 8	1,480 18 4	364 14 8	—	—	818 8 8	—	—	15
—	8,404 8 8	1 18 8	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
1,138 14 6	1,885,881 14 6	61,070 1 0	18,188 8 0	—	—	182,338 18 4	—	—	17
802 13 10	31,487 17 8	28,502 8 1	—	—	—	82,322 8 7	—	—	18
80,880 17 7	923,338 18 0	425,318 11 4	—	—	1,809 17 0	818,885 8 0	921 18 4	—	19
187 18 8	6,718 18 0	8,282 18 8	—	—	82 88 11	3,388 10 11	5 18 8	—	20
33,888 8 8	47,788 18 8	308,028 18 8	—	—	888 0 8	1,028,338 13 0	428 14 18	—	21
8,118 18 8	8,618 13 7	12,688 18 8	—	—	118 1 8	70,882 1 8	377 10 1	—	22
80,804 0 10	5,285,888 8 8	5,286,041 12 8	188,314 17 8	—	1,878 18 7	3,778,487 7 4	1,802 8 10	—	
1 18 8	873,887 1 8	786,188 18 8	3,307,388 8 7	—	884 2 8	8 18 8	30 11 8	—	23
30,888 18 8	307,788 8 11	365,318 8 4	—	84 8 7	8,378 8 8	600,488 0 8	6,378 14 7	—	24
388 18 4	30,888 10 1	18,000 8 7	*188 0 0	—	1,777 18 4	7,884 8 8	168 17 8	—	25

* This amount, which was written off from the account of loans of the Local Loans Fund for 31st Dec 1891, was repaid in the year 1892.

The following is an ABSTRACT of LOANS made by the COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WORKS, showing the Amounts realised, and

No.	Acts under which Advances have been made.	PURPOSES FOR WHICH ADVANCED.	No. of open Loans accounted for by the 31st March, 1892.	ADVANCED TO THE END OF THE YEAR.		RECEIVED.	
				In the Year ended 31st March, 1892.	Total up to the 31st March, 1892.	In the Year ended 31st March, 1892.	
						Paid.	Printed.
CLASS III.—continued.							
35	10 Vic., c. 32.	Improvement of Land—viz., Drainage, Erection of Farm Buildings and Farm Labourers Dwellings, Fencing for Shelter.	5,395	25,984 0 0	4,527,805 5 10	25,223 5 10	
37	10 Vic., c. 32, s. 32.	Land Improvement Preliminary Expenses.	1	900 0 0	64,000 0 0	683 12 3	
39	44 & 45 Vic., c. 43, s. 31.	Land Lev.—Advances to Tenants for Improvement of their Holdings.	6,547	41,506 0 0	770,100 0 0	55,522 12 8	
40	32 & 34 Vic., c. 46.	For Advances to Tenants for Purchase of their Farms, &c.	622	—	555,032 14 7	5,146 0 5	
			17,135	27,490 0 0	4,352,937 4 7	115,557 2 5	
CLASS IV.—MACHINERY LOANS.							
38	25 & 26 Vic., c. 119, &c.	Grate Loans.	1,081	17,558 14 6	473,704 17 4	12,613 7 9	
31	55 Gen. III., c. 107 & Gen. IV., c. 78.	Building Schools.	2	—	52,583 5 7	40 12 4	
35	45 Vic., c. 1.	Seed Supply.	13	—	547,582 31 10	1,510 2 8	
35	51 Vic., c. 1.	Do.	131	25,386 5 5	270,285 38 10	10,540 1 7	
36	29 & 31 Vic., c. 65.	Refined School Teachers' Residences.	267	13,815 0 0	137,347 10 0	1,570 13 8	
35	47 & 48 Vic., c. 23.	New-Vented Schools and Training Colleges.	61	5,200 0 0	52,750 0 0	940 5 5	
			1,457	65,959 5 5	1,853,672 0 7	25,274 3 3	
		Total Current and Unexpired Services.	21,265	426,877 19 5	16,794,850 12 1	325,483 8 10	
		Add Total Closed Services.	—	—	16,853,848 5 10	—	
		Gross Total Local Loans Fund.	20,298	426,877 19 5	16,794,850 12 1	325,483 8 10	
II. Irish Church Fund Loans.							
CLASS I.—Loans secured on Rents.							
36	42 Vic., c. 41 & 42 & 44 Vic., c. 34.	Public Health.	73	—	25,320 10 0	1,189 4 10	
37	Do.	Sanitary Works.	137	—	275,166 30 10	26,119 18 7	
38	Do.	Relief of Distress.	1	—	11,580 15 4	790 0 0	
39	Do.	Relief of Distress Grants.	—	—	16,740 5 0	—	
			211	—	343,706 15 4	28,099 4 8	
CLASS II.—Loans secured on Land.							
40	Do.	Improvement of Land.	1,540	—	655,810 12 5	35,115 0 8	
41	Do.	Artificial Drainage.	31	—	6,120 3 0	80 4 7	
			1,571	—	661,930 15 5	35,195 4 5	
		Total Irish Church Fund Loans.	1,782	—	1,368,740 15 7	70,310 5 3	
		Gross Total.	22,079	426,877 19 5	18,163,590 14 5	395,793 3 3	

Advances and Repayments in the Year, the Total Advances and Repayments to the 31st March, 1892, the Balance Outstanding—continued.

Capital and INTEREST paid by Borrowers.				BALANCES Outstanding against Borrowers on 31st March, 1892.						No.
31st March, 1891.		Total to 31st March, 1892.		Excess.	Principal.			Interest.		
Interest.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.		In Arrear.		Not yet due.			
					Within 6 Months of the 31st March 1892.	Other Arrears.				
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
43,805 0 2	3,745,512 7 9	1,434,519 16 0	—	—	6,740 8 6	21,874 2 4	1,967,309 5 0	13,997 17 0	26	
—	43,202 1 8	—	1,613 2 1	—	68 11 8	—	807 9 9	—	27	
25,646 14 10	141,289 17 4	188,266 14 0	—	—	1,472 8 2	4,458 13 11	985,344 0 7	3,483 9 9	28	
10,661 21 4	172,708 0 8	222,819 18 0	—	—	—	2,071 14 3	542,188 19 1	4,137 19 6	29	
61,861 17 6	4,528,067 19 2	3,739,039 2 2	1,506,700 6 8	16,204 18 2	27,281 19 9	2,941,206 10 0	28,184 6 1			
18,158 4 6	183,790 19 2	134,094 2 9	—	—	—	82 2 50	281,401 13 4	46 11 2	30	
0 14 1	6,429 1 9	60 14 1	803 18 4	—	—	161 0 6	375 6 1	—	31	
—	694,162 19 8	0 6 9	—	—	—	15,289 15 6	—	—	32	
3,612 4 6	36,473 2 6	5,812 4 6	—	—	—	—	285,910 12 4	—	33	
3,669 19 9	11,219 0 8	21,773 4 6	—	—	—	92 1 30	114,038 7 6	72 9 6	34	
682 10 6	2,948 12 2	2,698 11 2	—	—	—	—	26,723 9 9	—	35	
22,221 12 10	798,094 11 9	166,780 19 2	210 15 4	—	—	18,889 0 7	781,287 4 9	119 19 1		
122,948 0 8	9,487,880 19 1	4,867,860 4 11	1,473,787 17 11	—	—	—	—	—		
—	12,319,801 12 12	467,996 4 7	1,473,788 19 11	—	—	—	—	—		
222,948 0 8	31,268,837 12 6	3,305,969 6 2	27,963,868 11 10	40,698 9 11	505,581 21 4	1,468,067 15 10	223,074 7 10			
					7,819,218 16 11					
300 19 8	21,194 16 0	2,071 19 9	—	—	—	81 5 9	27,988 16 10	3 6 0	36	
1,400 15 10	192,910 19 0	19,325 9 0	0 0 1	—	—	—	109,373 11 4	—	37	
28 4 11	9,137 16 4	878 14 10	—	—	—	—	2,256 0 0	—	38	
—	—	—	14,069 9 0	—	—	—	—	—	39	
1,099 27 2	361,963 9 2	22,327 0 8	16,279 5 1	—	—	61 2 27	128,087 7 2	9 9 0		
7,774 24 2	222,860 17 10	76,918 4 8	7,800 7 10	—	—	9,624 1 8	694,685 10 1	3,120 6 6	40	
41 22 11	456 4 0	175 4 4	—	—	—	90 7 2	3,980 9 4	2 15 6	41	
7,786 22 1	223,898 2 4	71,086 0 0	2,360 7 10	—	—	9,664 8 10	695,853 18 2	3,182 16 0		
3,306 9 9	3,409,221 5 7	519,487 9 2	28,275 10 11	—	—	9,718 12 6	654,023 4 7	3,198 4 9		
261,128 4 9	22,264,279 17 7	3,448,289 16 6	27,009,894 2 6			320,268 28 1		261,075 16 7		
						48,602,193 14 2				

£ 43,202 1 8, principal charge cancelled by redemption in the year. The security investments, which include interest at 5 per cent., were on application granted reduced to 4 per cent. interest at 5 per cent.

Repaid to Irish Land Commission.

B

I.—PUBLIC WORKS LOANS.

In the year ending 31st March, 1892, we have, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, made 1,046 loans for £401,721, as against 1,147 loans for £687,168, in the previous year. The decrease of 101 in the number, and of £285,447 in the amount of loans, is attributable mainly to diminished number of applications under the Seed Potatoes Supply Act, 1890.

The following statement shows the different purposes for which loans have been made during the year :—

Total Number of Loans for each Class.	PURPOSES OF LOANS SANCTIONED 1891-92.	No.	Amount.	Total Amount for each Class.
	CLASS I.—LOANS SECURED ON UNDERTAKINGS.		£	£
15	Harbours,	4	20,100	31,144
	Inland Navigation,	1	900	
	Labourers' Dwellings in Towns, and Housing of the Working Classes,	11	10,144	
	CLASS II.—LOANS SECURED ON RATES.			
218	Grand Jurors of Counties,	7	4,407	222,503
	Industrial Schools,	1	4,500	
	Repairs of Post Roads,	1	1,000	
	" Fishery Piers,	6	879	
	Lunatic Asylums Buildings,	9	11,960	
	Public Health Acts,	45	146,341	
	Labourers Acts,	142	50,428	
	Dispensary Houses,	7	3,360	
	CLASS III.—LOANS SECURED ON LANDS.			
640	River Drainage, 26 & 27 Vic. c. 38,	1	150	83,180
	" Maintenance,	3	1,480	
	Land Improvement,	141	33,280	
	" Preliminary Expenses,	1	2,000	
	Land Law Act, 1881, Sec. 19, Labourers' Cottages,	2	190	
	" " Sec. 31, Loans to Tenants for Improvements,	492	46,170	
	CLASS IV.—MISCELLANEOUS LOANS.			
172	Glebe Loans,	36	15,541	64,564
	National Schools, Teachers' Residences,	51	11,341	
	" and Training Colleges,	9	11,294	
	Seed Supply Act, 1890,	76	26,388	
1,046				£401,721

OBSERVATIONS ON CLASS (1).—LOANS SECURED ON UNDERTAKINGS.

The loan to the Sligo Harbour Commissioners merits special mention. The object of the loan is to deepen the channel of the river from Reases' Point up to the Quay at Sligo, and to improve the deep water berths.

Your Lordships having intimated in October, 1890, that You would be prepared to consider the application for the loan as soon as the Harbour Commissioners should have obtained the necessary powers for increasing the import dues on goods, and put such increased dues in force, a Provisional Order was obtained for that purpose. The Harbour Commissioners renewed their application in September, 1891, and your Lordships having conveyed their sanction to a loan of £15,000, under certain conditions the Board are in communication with the Harbour Commissioners' legal representative in reference to the preparation of the mortgage deed.

Labourers' Dwellings in Towns and Housing of the Working Classes. Nos. 7 and 8 in Abstract.

Labouring Classes Dwellings (Ireland) Act, 1866 (29 & 30 Vic, c. 44); and the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1885 and 1890 (48 & 49 Vin, c. 72, and 53 and 54 Vic, c. 70).

Amount of loans sanctioned under Act of 1866, while it continued operative, i.e., to the close of the year 1884-85—£281,324. Number of dwellings erected—3,413. Rate of interest charged—4 per cent.

In previous reports we called attention to the stimulus to building under this service, arising from the favourable terms as to interest granted by Treasury Minutes of 21st and 25th January, 1886. The year under report exhibits a decline—only 11 applications to the amount of £10,164, have been sanctioned, as against 20 for £43,413 in 1889-90. The average number of sanctioned applications for the past six years exceeded 20. We believe this decrease to be accidental and temporary, and not to point to a continuous downward tendency.

The following abstract shows the number and amount of the loans made each year during the periods referred to.

ABSTRACT No. I.

Year.	No. of applications sanctioned.	Amount sanctioned.	No. of families to be accommodated.
1866-67.	NIL	—	NIL
1867-68.	1	435 0	8
1868-69.	NIL	—	NIL
1869-70.	1	500 0	10
1870-71.	1	4,148 0	125
1871-72.	2	1,650 0	40
1872-73.	3	7,375 0	108
1873-74.	7	25,550 0	261
1874-75.	1	910 0	13
1875-76.	7	24,242 0	259
1876-77.	6	11,200 0	132
1877-78.	8	25,614 0	279
1878-79.	10	7,100 0	81
1879-80.	19	21,658 0	351
1880-81.	17	25,670 0	302
1881-82.	17	23,674 0	455
1882-83.	15	21,187 0	270
1883-84.	15	40,092 0	597
1884-85.	12	22,368 0	328
1885-86.	20	50,755 0	713
1886-87.	24	79,161 0	852
1887-88.	20	54,745 10	397
1888-89.	26	53,782 10	675
1889-90.	18	46,519 0	603
1890-91.	20	43,413 0	628
1891-92.	11	10,164 0	138
Total.	281	599,645 0	7,319

OBSERVATIONS ON CLASS (2).—LOANS SECURED ON RATER.

The amount for which these loans have been entered into and the number of such loans, show a falling off.

—	1890-91.	1891-92.
Number of Loans.	287	218
Amount of Loans.	£252,863	£222,603

Loans for Works carried out by Grand Juries. Nos. 9 and 10 in Abstract.

Loans for works, when carried out by Grand Juries, have risen from £500 in 1890-91 to £4,407 in 1891-92.

Loans for Industrial Schools. No. 11 in Abstract.

One loan of £4,500 was applied for and sanctioned under this head.

Loans for Lunatic Asylum Buildings. No. 17 in Abstract.

Nine loans, amounting to £11,950 for additions, &c., to Lunatic Asylums buildings were entered into as against the same number for £15,350 in the previous year.

Loans under the Public Health Act. No. 19 in Abstract.

Loans under the Public Health Act of 1878 reached in number 45, in amount £146,341, as against the corresponding figures 50 and £74,707 for the previous year. The following table contrasts the two years in detail, and shows some of the many undertakings comprised under the title of "Sanitary Loans."

PURPOSE.	1890-92.		1891-92.	
	Number of Loans.	Amount.	Number of Loans.	Amount.
		£		£
Water Works,	13	31,860	19	65,534
Sewerage,	14	10,027	6	8,172
Burial Grounds,	5	3,000	2	850
Paving and Footpaths,	4	13,790	7	13,377
Municipal Buildings,	3	5,760	2	2,800
People's Parks,	—	—	2	1,167
Gas Works and Public Lighting,	5	5,050	6	54,141
Markets,	—	—	1	1,600
Stabling, Disinfecting Chambers, &c.	6	5,320	—	—
	50	£74,707	45	£146,341

The total amount of Loans authorised for Sanitary purposes stood at £1,894,263 on 31st March, 1892, and the total amount issued at £1,840,048.

The distribution of the former sum between different sanitary purposes is as follows:—

	£
Water Works,	920,403
Sewerage,	328,579
Streets (Paving, &c.),	401,591
Public Baths,	18,380
Scavenging,	23,315
Buildings, Gas Works, Cemeteries, Parks, &c.,	197,164
	£1,894,262

Loans under Labourers Acts. No. 21 in Abstract.

Loans under the Labourers Acts, 1883 and 1885, show a considerable decrease in amount on former years, as shown below.

1887-88,	£463,261
1888-89,	£188,742
1889-90,	£89,682
1890-91,	£106,427
1891-92,	£50,426

The loans sanctioned under these Acts amounted at the end of the year under report to £1,256,275. Ninety-one out of 161 Unions had borrowed this sum. The remaining Unions had not up to that date availed themselves of the powers given by the Acts. The number of Unions which had borrowed, with the amount lent in each province, appears from the following figures:—

			£
Munster,	.	44 Unions,	743,073
Leinster,	.	37 "	496,779
Connacht,	.	7 "	7,413
Ulster,	.	3 "	9,005
		91	£1,256,275

The advances under the Acts in 1891-92 amounted to £115,133, bringing the total advanced to £1,053,158.

Loans for Dispensary Houses. No. 22 in Abstract.

Loans for the construction, &c., of Dispensary Houses have fallen from 23 loans for £13,880 in 1890-91, to 7 for £3,300 in 1891-92.

Loans for Public Libraries.

(40 & 41 Vic., co. 15 & 54.)

No application has been received for advances under these Acts.

OBSERVATIONS ON CLASS (3).—LOANS SECURED ON LANDS.

This class comprises, in addition to loans made to tenants for purchase of their holdings, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Act of 1870 (under which no advances are now made), the following loans, having for their object the improvement of land:—

- Loans for arterial drainage under 5 & 6 Vic., c. 89.
- Loans made for arterial drainage works (26 & 27 Vic., c. 88), and loans made for the maintenance of such works (39 & 40 Vic., c. 43).
- Loans to "owners" of lands for improvements, under 10 Vic., c. 32, and amending Acts.
- Loans to tenants of lands for improvements, under sec. 31 of the Land Law Act, 1881, 44 & 45 Vic., c. 42.

Loans for Arterial Drainage. Nos. 23 and 24 in Abstract.

Loans for Arterial Drainage were made from 1842 to 1863 under 5 and 6 Vic., c. 89. £2,082,052 were lent under this statute, the greater part during and after the famine of 1849. Of this amount £1,207,582 was remitted, and £878,867 principal (with £788,106 interest), repaid. The principal still repayable amounts to £503.

Only one loan for Arterial Drainage, under 26 and 27 Vic., c. 88, was made amounting to £150.

Owners who are not occupiers have for some time past ceased generally to initiate Arterial Drainage undertakings, and as tenants have no statutory power to do so, loans for this purpose are now seldom made.

The entire amount of loans entered into for these purposes up to March 31, 1892, is £824,021, including £6,186 lent out of the Irish Church Fund. Of this amount, £820,581 had by that date been advanced, of which £14,125 was advanced in the year under report.

Further information as to Arterial Drainage will be found at page 25.

Loans for Land Improvement. No. 26 in Abstract.

We submit the numbers of applications for loans, and the amounts issued in each year from 1847, when this service commenced, to 31st March, 1892:—

—	No. of Applications.	Amounts issued.	—	No. of Applications.	Amounts issued.
1847, Jan to Dec. (inclusive),	1,354	272,790	1870-71,	189	277,980
1848,	571	324,160	1871-72,	160	82,688
1849,	643	379,836	1872-73,	223	75,290
1850,	435	250,324	1873-74,	224	99,572
1851,	280	145,653	1874-75,	245	102,005
1852,	164	88,542	1875-76,	255	98,750
1853,	164	55,454	1876-77,	218	121,403
1854,	123	49,293	1877-78,	278	121,345
1855,	98	36,180	1878-79,	319	125,370
1856,	108	32,610	1879-80, { Relief, 2,144 } 2,607	= 234,810	
1857,	114	31,674	{ Ordinary, 463 }		
1858,	112	35,536	1880-81,	638	= 788,829
1859,	111	29,354	1881-82,	401	= 290,583
1860,	135	26,902	1882-83,	451	= 138,536
1861,	124	36,556	1883-84,	505	= 123,082
1862,	184	61,575	1884-85,	395	= 117,480
1863,	138	58,830	1885-86,	398	= 79,478
1864,	152	58,430	1886-87,	219	= 69,192
1865,	90	46,215	1887-88,	181	= 48,752
1866,	98	56,555	1888-89,	148	= 31,795
1867,	145	59,180	1889-90,	189	= 35,677
1868-9,	179	64,973	1890-91,	215	= 25,756
1869-70,	166	83,775	1891-92,	307	= 30,804

The business done under this service reached its lowest point in number of applications in 1883-89. Since that year there has been a decided increase. The number of applications for 1891-92 is slightly less than for the previous year, but we believe that the reduction does not point to a return to the figures of 1883-89. About one-fourth of the applicants are purchasers under the Land Purchase Acts, and it is probable that this class will avail itself largely of loans under the Land Improvement Service.

Classification of loans under which works were commenced in 1891-92:—

Class of Work.	No. of Loans.	Amount Sanctioned.	Average of each Loan.
Drainage and other Land Works,	20	4,685	234
Farm Buildings,	93	19,900	214
Labourers' Cottages,	10	2,045	206
Mixed Loans—including Buildings and Land Works,	12	3,885	324
Totals,	135	30,515	—
General Average per Loan,	—	—	256

Sanctions in 1891-92:—Of the 207 loans applied for, 108 have been sanctioned. To these are to be added 33 sanctions given to loans sought in 1890-91, making 141 sanctions in the past year for sums amounting to £33,230. In addition to the sanctioned cases, the Board had under consideration 99 loans, applied for before or during the year, which, for the reasons stated below, did not arrive at the stage of sanction:—

Causes of Delay or Rejection.	No. of Cases.
Failed to show Title,	—
Stopped owing to default in repaying previous Loans, or in paying Rentcharge,	1
Transferred to Land Law Division,	4
Withdrawn,	6
Under consideration,	72
Refused,	15
Total number of Applications not come to maturity,	99

* Indebtedness under Statute of Distress Act.

† Includes loans under Section 19, Land Law Act.

The following table gives the number of loans and the sums issued in the several counties of Ireland up to the 31st March, 1892:—

SCHEDULE showing the NUMBER OF LOANS and AMOUNTS ISSUED from commencement of Act.

Name of County.	No. of Loans.	Amounts issued.	Total No. of Loans.	Total Amount issued.
NORTHERN DIVISION.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Antrim,	309	134,043 0 0	71,340	735,829 0 0
Londonderry,	165	69,623 0 0		
Down,	297	187,811 0 0		
Fernsborough,	169	85,010 0 0		
Tyrone,	259	145,245 0 0		
Armagh,	65	21,713 0 0		
Dona,	145	94,164 0 0		
MIDLAND AND EASTERN.				
Cavan,	124	53,669 0 0	3,355	1,466,753 0 0
Monaghan,	96	43,424 0 0		
Louth,	322	180,166 0 0		
Leitrim,	83	36,919 0 0		
Meath,	408	196,608 0 0		
Westmeath,	264	94,050 0 0		
Dublin,	254	86,784 0 0		
Kildare,	265	189,247 0 0		
King's,	508	62,063 0 0		
Queen's,	318	151,847 0 0		
Wicklow,	226	121,078 0 0		
Carlow,	213	106,229 0 0		
Kilkenny,	180	67,121 0 0		
Wexford,	257	125,520 0 0		
WESTERN.				
Sligo,	137	155,922 0 40	2,678	1,315,851 0 0
Leitrim,	197	74,680 0 0		
Mayo,	491	237,715 0 0		
Donegal,	464	237,643 0 0		
Galway,	774	383,043 0 0		
Clare,	465	165,586 0 0		
SOUTHERN.				
Limerick,	776	375,481 0 0	3,520	1,541,853 0 0
Tipperary,	575	204,945 0 0		
Waterford,	173	70,840 0 0		
Cork,	1,286	423,888 0 0		
Kerry,	731	466,499 0 0		
Totals,			10,923	24,961,585 0 0

MAIN AND THOROUGH DRAINAGE.

The number of loans sanctioned for works, of which thorough drainage forms the principal part, since the commencement in 1847 to the 31st March in this year, is 8,155, for £3,704,667, and of this number 20, for £6,845, were approved during the year ended 31st March, 1892.

PLANTING FOR SHELTER.

Since the passing of the Act 29 and 30 Vic. c. 40, 115 loans, amounting to £25,930, have been made, and of that number 1, for £125, was sanctioned during the year now reported on.

FARM BUILDINGS.

Under this head 2,668 loans have been sanctioned since the passing of the Act 13 and 14 Vic. c. 19, the amount being £1,126,985. This includes 110 loans, for £24,320, approved during the past financial year.

DWELLINGS FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS.

For this class of work the number of loans sanctioned since the passing of the Act 23 Vic. c. 19, is 702, for £335,470, 10 of which, amounting to £1,940, were approved since our last Report.

Loans to Tenants for Improvement of Holdings. No. 28 in Abstract.

LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1881.

Sections 19 and 31.

Under section 19 of the above quoted Act we have power to make advances to tenant farmers, who, pursuant to the injunctions of the Irish Land Commission, and as a condition attached to the fixing of a "fair rent," proceed to erect labourers' dwellings on their holdings. Two loans were sanctioned, amounting to £190, under this section within the year ending 31st March, 1892, the amount issued being £189. Under this provision of the Act 255 loans have been sanctioned since the commencement, amounting to £14,876, the instalments issued amounting to £13,346.

Under section 31 of the same Act, which provides for loans to occupying tenants for improvements proposed by themselves, the number of loans sanctioned since our last report was 492, amounting to £46,170, the sum issued being £41,566. This gives the total of loans sanctioned under section 31 since the commencement to 31st March, 1892, as 10,695—amount £918,937, the instalments issued amounting to £770,510.

The number of applications for loans lodged during the year 1890-91 was 836, being an increase of 99 over last year. Of this number 58 were received from occupying owners.

We have to report that the new regulation sanctioned by your Lordships, under which the execution of work must precede the issue of each instalment, has met with general acceptance, and is working satisfactorily. It has relieved borrowers from the necessity, which existed when instalments were advanced before corresponding work was done, of obtaining sureties for the due application of the loan. The reduction of the minimum amount of loan to £35, which your Lordships approved of by letter dated 12th October, 1891, has extended the benefits of the Act to many tenants who were previously precluded from borrowing £50, the former minimum amount, either by the insufficiency of the security offered, or the inadequacy of the improvements proposed.

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The following table gives the distribution by Counties of the sums issued for all classes of work under the 31st Section of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881 :—

SCHEDULE showing the NUMBER of LOANS SANCTIONED and AMOUNTS ISSUED up to the 31st MARCH, 1892.

PROVINCE AND COUNTY.	Number of Loans Sanctioned.			Amounts Sanctioned.			Total Issues.		
	To 31st Mar., 1891.	Year ending 31st Mar., 1892.	Total Number.	To 31st Mar., 1891.	Year ending 31st Mar., 1892.	Total Sanctioned.	To 31st Mar., 1891.	Year ending 31st Mar., 1892.	Total Issues.
LEINSTER:				£	£	£	£	£	£
Carlow, . . .	61	4	65	8,320	540	8,760	5,595	354	5,949
Dublin, . . .	77	11	88	11,890	1,285	13,175	10,436	1,502	11,938
Kildare, . . .	115	9	124	19,625	880	20,705	13,946	456	14,402
Kilkenny, . . .	100	7	107	10,395	505	10,850	7,846	473	8,318
King's, . . .	190	10	200	17,090	830	17,870	13,546	1,316	14,762
Longford, . . .	272	9	261	24,415	735	25,150	20,795	596	21,691
Louth, . . .	41	8	44	5,740	540	6,080	4,757	304	5,061
Meath, . . .	128	18	146	21,760	3,180	24,940	15,191	3,253	20,440
Queen's, . . .	87	6	93	5,595	665	6,260	6,289	717	7,006
Westmeath, . . .	225	9	234	24,825	745	25,670	20,365	580	20,945
Wexford, . . .	100	20	120	9,825	1,625	11,750	8,440	1,789	10,229
Wicklow, . . .	37	5	102	10,855	720	11,405	8,615	615	9,260
Totals,	1,497	111	1,608	173,195	12,300	185,425	140,804	11,500	151,804
MUNSTER:									
Clare, . . .	622	14	646	82,360	940	83,300	44,622	1,081	45,705
Cork, . . .	1,750	92	1,842	161,115	8,275	169,390	120,223	6,438	126,660
Kerry, . . .	609	54	753	54,245	4,565	58,755	41,391	4,058	45,379
Limerick, . . .	507	58	545	50,610	4,260	54,810	41,400	3,966	44,068
Tipperary, . . .	405	44	450	38,655	4,685	43,380	31,109	5,135	36,234
Waterford, . . .	50	9	59	5,635	680	6,345	4,234	506	4,738
Totals,	4,044	351	4,295	502,670	23,305	525,975	393,097	20,165	413,179
ULSTER:									
Antrim, . . .	102	5	107	10,580	585	11,165	8,517	802	9,319
Armagh, . . .	76	3	79	4,970	190	5,160	4,047	100	4,147
Cavan, . . .	612	13	626	61,155	915	62,070	34,740	749	35,489
Donegal, . . .	243	11	254	17,847	630	18,487	6,417	826	7,243
Down, . . .	62	2	65	6,340	175	6,515	14,655	218	15,008
Fernsagh, . . .	128	12	145	9,160	710	9,870	7,352	450	7,742
Londonderry, . . .	112	7	119	8,750	680	9,400	7,095	293	7,388
Monaghan, . . .	80	3	83	6,500	175	6,675	3,448	843	4,291
Tyrone, . . .	229	6	235	18,380	425	18,705	14,575	580	15,153
Totals,	1,654	62	1,716	125,539	4,475	130,007	101,324	5,061	106,385
CONNAUGHT:									
Galway, . . .	570	12	582	46,505	1,290	47,825	40,379	1,542	41,621
Leitrim, . . .	382	9	391	36,790	660	37,450	32,856	514	33,370
Mayo, . . .	247	10	257	29,860	870	30,730	21,226	343	21,569
Roscommon, . . .	467	28	495	36,100	2,580	38,680	28,619	2,273	31,684
Sligo, . . .	442	9	451	54,135	980	55,115	30,138	789	30,905
Totals,	3,008	68	3,076	223,390	6,080	229,480	194,009	5,140	199,149
Grand Totals,	10,503	493	10,995	872,767	46,170	918,937	728,944	41,648	770,510

We also beg to submit a statement classifying the loans in which works have been completed under the different descriptions of work, to the 31st March, 1892 :—

Description of Work.	Amounts Expended		
	From passing of Act to 31st March, 1891.	For year ending 31st March, 1892.	Total from passing of Act to 31st March, 1892.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Drainage, Fencing, Farm Roads, and other Land Works,	365,083 7 6	11,828 15 1	376,917 2 7
Farm Houses and Offices,	320,495 5 4	39,184 18 11	359,680 4 3
Labourers' Cottages, 19th section,	9,517 10 10	260 0 0	9,777 10 10
Labourers' Cottages, 31st section,	9,868 5 0	1,515 1 3	11,383 6 3
Scotch Mills for Flax,	509 0 3	— — —	509 0 3
	708,475 8 11	52,788 15 3	761,265 4 2

The number of loans in which the amounts sanctioned have been expended, and the works certified as completed, is 8,757, and those in which the works were still in progress on the 31st March, 1892, were 772.

OBSERVATIONS ON CLASS (4).—MISCELLANEOUS LOANS.

Globe Loans. No. 30 in Abstract.

Thirty-nine applications for loans have been received during the year, amounting to £16,696, and 36 loans have been granted for £15,541. The issues for the year have amounted to £17,186. Since passing of the first Act, 1870, we have received 1,398 applications, of which the following is an abstract of those on which issues were made to 31st March, 1892.

	No.	Amount.
		£
Church of Ireland,	270	128,268
Roman Catholics,	389	265,021
Presbyterian,	201	64,786
Wesleyan and other,	63	21,077
	1,123	482,152

Loans under Seed Potatoes Supply Act, 1890. No. 33 in Abstract.

Loans, to the amount £270,384, have been made under Seed Potatoes Supply (Ireland) Act, 1890.

Loans for National School Teachers' Residences. No. 34 in Abstract.

The demand for loans for National school teachers' residences, which showed a continuous increase up to 1889-90, has fallen off for the past year, 51 loans for £11,341 only being sanctioned as compared with 70 loans for £15,430 in 1889-90. The total advances for these loans up to 31st March, 1892, was £127,347 10s. 0d.

Loans for building Schools and Training Colleges. No. 35 in Abstract.

Loans for building and improving non-vested schools and training colleges have increased from £2,770, in 1890-91, to £11,294.

IRISH CHURCH FUND LOANS.

No loans or advances under previous loans were made from this fund during the year. Out of £1,269,932 advanced from the Irish Church Fund under the Relief of Distress Act of 1880, £405,021 has been repaid, and of the balance outstanding, £839,334, £829,620 is not yet due, and £9,716 is in arrear. The arrears have decreased during the year by £1,122.

The principal cancelled by redemptions, by allowing borrowers 3 per cent. on moneys paid in anticipation, now amounts to £6,500, including £2,630 in the present year.

LEGISLATION IN 1891-92 AFFECTING LOAN SERVICES.

During the year ending 31st March, 1892, Parliament has passed three Acts, two of which, viz., the Tramways (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1891, and the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, affecting the powers of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland with regard to loans in certain services administered by them, and the third, the Local Registration of Title (Ireland) Act, 1891, affects their forms and procedure in certain other services.

By the first named Act any existing Tramway Company may obtain an Order in Council increasing their Share Capital, and powers of borrowing from time to time.

By the second Act, Part II., the entire of the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund and all save £20,000 of the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund have been placed at the disposal of the newly founded Congested Districts Board for use where there are congested districts in any of the maritime or inland counties in which the Funds were theretofore applicable.

The third Act passed for facilitating and cheapening the transfer of land and the title to land practically affects only the mode of procedure with regard to perfecting mortgages and charging orders under certain circumstances.

ADVANCES, REPAYMENTS, AND ARREARS.

The earliest mention of Public Works Loans to be found in the Abstract submitted by the Board is in connection with the Statute 57 Geo. III., c. 34, passed in 1817. The total of all loan advances from that date to 31st March, 1892 (with certain loans made under special Acts before 1817), is £39,044,434.

The classified abstract at pages 6-9, shows how this amount has been disposed of by repayments, remissions, balances outstanding, &c.

	£
Total Repayments,	22,385,679
Total Remissions,	7,982,504
Written off from Local Loans Fund,	48,566
Outstanding Balances,	8,618,385
	£39,044,434

This outstanding balance is represented in the books of the Office by 24,278 open accounts, which are generally in course of repayment by half-yearly instalments.

The advances to borrowers in the years 1891-92 out of moneys advanced by the National Debt Commissioners were £438,878, as against £584,035 in 1890-91, and £477,406 in 1889-90.

The amounts received in the year were £390,786, in repayment of principal, and £263,151 in respect of interest, making together £653,937. Of the latter amount, £589,038 was paid to the National Debt Commissioners, and £64,899 to the Irish Land Commission, in discharge of principal and interest of loans made out of the Irish Church Fund.

The following table shows the payments, and the arrears of principal and interest for the last four years:—

—	Payments.	Arrears of Principal and Interest.
	£	£
1888-89,	765,540	435,338
1889-90,	742,962	465,318
1890-91,	921,997	503,790
1891-92,	658,937	551,370

The following Abstract shows the services on which these arrears occur:—

—	31st March, 1889.	31st March, 1890.	31st March, 1891.	31st March, 1892.
	£	£	£	£
Public Works Loans generally,	21,773	23,376	24,274	20,147
Clare Ribb Reclamation Loan,	23,252	26,347	33,442	38,517
Public Health Act,	7,323	8,767	2,340	2,488
Railways,	260,918	309,489	348,283	388,764
Land Charges, payable by Owners,	85,658	77,179	73,288	70,061
Do, do, Occupiers,	4,478	5,638	7,945	7,892
Seed Supply,	22,896	17,502	14,918	13,399
	438,338	465,318	503,790	551,370

The increase in arrears on Public Works loans generally from £24,274, in 1890-91, to £30,147, in 1891-92, is not so serious as the figures would suggest. The largest item entering into it is a sum of £2,700, instalments of a harbour loan, the payment of which has been temporarily suspended by permission of your Lordships. Deferring payment under such circumstances has not hitherto been treated as creating arrears. It is now so regarded, in consequence of directions lately given by the Comptroller and Auditor-General. The remainder of the increase under this head is mainly due to the accrual of the charges for one year on loans already in arrear. That on the Clare Slob Reclamation Loan represents the addition for 1891-1892 to previous arrears.

The arrears on loans under the Public Health Act, remain virtually at the point of reduction in 1890-91. With one exception, that of a debt due by Ballina Union, they are cases in which local bodies have delayed payment of the last instalment, all previous instalments having been discharged. We have taken steps to secure punctuality in these cases in future.

There are Railway loans point, not to any increase in the number of non-paying enterprises, but to the addition of one year's arrears to those previously accrued. It will be observed that the increase of arrears under this head has been constant at the rate of about £40,000 a year for the last three years. Arrears on land charges payable by owners continue to decrease. These on loans payable by occupiers show a small increase. As this service is new, dating only from 1881, it must be expected that the number of defaults will have a tendency to increase for some time. It is, however, to be noted that the rapid rate of increase which prevailed in the three previous years has been checked, the increase for the year 1891-92 being only £647. It is hoped that by continued judicious action in dealing with the land loan services generally, the improvement which has taken place will be maintained and accelerated.

RATES OF INTEREST.

The following statement shows the rates of interest chargeable on the several amounts making the aggregate balances in each year ended 31st March, 1890, 1891, and 1892 respectively:—

	31 March, 1890.	31 March, 1891.	31 March, 1892.
Free of Interest,	£ 39,940	£ 39,094	£ 22,349
5 per cent.,	6,000	6,000	6,000
5½ "	1,567,148	1,700,445	1,472,332
5½ "	426,766	482,810	527,867
5½ "	100,469	110,663	118,941
5½ "	2,363,198	2,388,608	2,539,006
5½ "	574,349	626,112	673,434
4 "	1,821,915	1,760,448	1,527,015
4½ "	278,224	227,946	223,453
5 "	167,299	164,409	161,436
Advances on which interest is deferred, pending the completion of the works,	264,150	264,160	26,006
Total Local Loans Fund,	7,618,753	7,675,965	7,775,349
Church Fund Loans— at 1 per cent.,	940,429	697,259	639,356
	*8,559,187	*8,373,224	*8,414,705

* Exclusive of £58,990 written off from the Account of the Assets of the Local Loans Fund.

† " £59,586

‡ " £49,546

The average rate chargeable on the advances out of the Local Loans Fund was £3 12s. 0d. on the 31st March, 1890; £3 11s. 10d. on the 31st March, 1891; and £3 10s. 2d. on the 31st March, 1892. The interest realized in the year averaged £3 8s. 7d. per cent. on the principal sum outstanding on the 1st April, 1891.

VOTED SERVICES.

Under this second head of our duties, comprising those services which are created by, or maintained from, annual votes of Parliament, the accounts record the following expenditures on each to 31st March, 1892, and the second column shows the expenditure on the same votes for the preceding year 1890-91:—

	1890-91.	1891-92.
Class I.		
Public Works and Buildings, and Railways, Ireland,	£ 571,579	£ 328,377
Class II.		
Public Works Office,	35,454	36,825
	607,063	365,202

Showing the total charge against the Consolidated Fund for the year to be £607,063. But as from these services we have derived rents, tolls, &c., amounting to £5,144, of which the sum of £5,080 has been or will be paid over to Her Majesty's Exchequer in aid of Revenue, the net charge amounts to £600,983.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

General Observations.

Royal Hospital, Dublin.—The new roof, fire walls, and general reconstruction and decoration of the Master's Quarters (Commander of the Forces) as also the new roof and fire walls of the Chapel. The latter work was one of special difficulty as it entailed the preservation of the fine seventeenth century plaster ceiling.

Preparations for the renewal of the roofs, &c., on the eastern side of the quadrangle are now in progress.

Dublin Metropolitan Police Buildings.—A new riding school for the Mounted Metropolitan Police Force has been erected at Kevin-street harrack, and new sanitary additions have been carried out at Kilmainsham station.

Ordnance Survey Office, Phoenix Park.—The electro-typing, and cleaning, and graining workshops have been erected, and the first section of the new map store will shortly be completed. The stationery stores have been enlarged. New offices and fittings have also been provided at Cork and Ennis.

Royal Irish Constabulary Barracks.—Considerable progress has been made with the new barracks in Belfast. The Glenravel-street barrack has been completed, and the works at Musgrave-street and Leopold-street barracks are being rapidly pushed forward.

The Derrypark barrack has been completed, the Falcarragh barrack is well advanced, and the Sligo barrack has been greatly improved in accommodation. The additions to the Commandant's Quarters at the R.I.C. Depot, Phoenix Park, have been completed, a new boat house has been erected at Schull, and sanitary improvements have been carried out at William-street barrack, Limerick.

Queen's Colleges.—The addition to the Biological Laboratory at Cork has been completed, and the new Chemical Laboratory at Belfast is well advanced.

Royal Hibernian Military School.—The Surgery has been improved and enlarged, as also, the water supply, including the erection of a new steam pump and storage tanks.

West Dublin Model School.—The reconstruction of the sanitary works have been completed.

Postal and Telegraph Offices.—The new Post Offices at Ennis and Coleraine have been completed and occupied, and the alterations in the new premises recently acquired at Mallow for a Post Office have been satisfactorily carried out. The new Parcels Post Depot, at Amiens-street, Dublin, is in progress.

Science and Art Buildings.—The new porch of the National Library, the yard, gateway, and screen wall connecting the Museum with the Royal Dublin Society's premises have been completed, and the Tropical Fern House at Glasnevin Gardens has been enlarged.

Royal College of Science.—The new lecture room has been completed.

Coast Guard Buildings.—The new Coast Guard Stations at Bannow and Carnsore, and the additions to Helrick Head Station, have been completed, and a contract has been entered into for the erection of a new station at Jack's Hole. The erection of the

proposed buildings at Waterville has been postponed, and a contract has been entered into for the works at Ballygeary instead.

Signal Stations.—The necessary works have been carried out at ten signal stations in erecting and enclosing Semaphores, &c.

Naval Reserve Stations.—The new Naval Reserve battery and drill shed at Tramore has been commenced.

National Education Buildings.—The erection and improvement of ordinary literary schools, &c., are in active progress throughout the country. A sum of £30,000 was voted for grants in connection with this source to be expended during the year, and the actual payments amounted to £30,013. Various improvements were also carried out at the Munster Model Farm. The maintenance of the Training Colleges at Marlborough-street, North Great George's-street, and Talbot-street has been transferred to the Department of the Commissioners of National Education.

The Four Courts.—The offices provided at the Four Courts for the Probate and Matrimonial Division, instead of those vacated at the King's Inns, Henrietta-street, have been satisfactorily completed.

The Registry of Deeds.—The reconstruction and extension of these offices, consequent on the vacation of the adjoining rooms by the Probate and Matrimonial Division, are now proceeding.

Dublin Castle State Apartments.—The installation of the electric lighting is completed.

Chief Secretary's Office.—Large works of partial reconstruction were carried out during the year.

Registration of Titles Office.—The necessary works in connection with the above have been carried out at the Four Courts and the King's Inns.

Mercantile Marine.—The new offices for the accommodation of the Local Marine and Board of Trade Staff at Eden-quay are now nearly complete.

Depositories for Parochial Records (Act 39 & 40 Vic., c. 53).—Under the provisions of this Act, inspections of proposed Depositories have been made in 10 cases, and reports thereon forwarded to the Deputy Keeper of the Records.

PARKS AND GARDENS.

The Phoenix Park.—The several buildings, roads, plantations, &c., have been properly maintained, and the People's Garden continues to be highly appreciated by the public as a place of recreation.

St. Stephen's-green Park has been maintained in good order, a matter of some difficulty in consequence of the great numbers who are attracted to it.

The Carragh of Kildare.—The Deputy Ranger's House has been maintained in good order.

ROYAL HARBOURS.

KINGSTOWN HARBOUR, Co. DUBLIN.

The usual works of repair and maintenance to sea slopes of breakwater, piers, wharves, roads, &c., were carried out during the year.

Some improvements were made to facilitate landing yachts, &c. A new branch railway was laid to the Victoria Wharf from the main line of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company by that Company, to be used in the transport of troops, and some improvements have also been made in the Carlisle Pier lines and correlative works in connection with the extended Mail Service.

Water has been supplied to Her Majesty's ships, the vessels of the Irish Lights Board, and trading vessels, and a quantity of 725 tons of ballast was supplied to the latter.

For a summary of rainfall and tidal observations, as also remarks on the fishing industry, see Appendix B.

HOWTH HARBOUR, Co. DUBLIN.

The works were maintained in good order, and the expenditure was less than it has been for many years. A short groyne was made at toe of sea slope on east pier to regulate travel of rubble forming the base of the work in storms, and some addition was made to the concrete wharf pavement on east pier.

Heavy rubble washed round entrance was restored to the sea slope of east pier. The west pier was furnished with lamps which have proved useful.

For remarks as to trade and fishing see Appendix B.

DUNMORE EAST HARBOUR, CO. WATERFORD.

The works were uninjured by the unusually severe winter storm. Three hundred tons of large blocks were placed at toe of sea slope. The works generally, including sheds and stores, were repaired and maintained in good order.

For remarks as to trade and fishing see Appendix B.

DONAGHADIE HARBOUR, CO. DOWR.

No serious injury resulted from the heavy gales of the past winter to the sea slopes. Some dangerous rock ridges along beach inside harbour were removed. Heavy rubble was placed at foot of pier head sea slope, and the joints of sea slope were packed with concrete where necessary, proper air-holes being left. The small dock at Lemon's wharf was cleaned out. Damage to the shipping in the harbour occurred during the heavy storm of 21st February last. The works were maintained in good order.

For remarks as to trade and fishing see Appendix B.

ARDGLASS HARBOUR, CO. DOWN.

The injury to the sea slopes during the winter was trifling, though the gales of 13th and 18th October, 1891, and 21st February, 1892, were severe and blew directly on the harbour. The rock excavation at south end of harbour, referred to last year, was extended, and trading vessels have largely made use of this part of the harbour, which is contiguous to the new tramway extension of the Downpatrick and Ardglass Railway now almost completed.

For remarks as to trade and fishing see Appendix B.

SHANNON DRAINAGE.

LOUGH ALLEN.

This portion of the works is complete with the exception of dredging above the sluices, and the removal of some of the dam both of which will eventually be done with the steam grabber now in use at Killaloe.

The new sluices during the August flood of 1891 were used with decided benefit.

The shoal at Drumheriff, however, was shown more than ever to be a great obstruction.

KILLALOE.

The works on the Tipperary side of the river above the Bridge and below the sluices were completed before the end of August when the flood came and stopped operations. The barges and dredgers had to be removed and the dams cut on the 28th August. No damage was done beyond some silting. The river continued at a height which prevented the resumption of the works till the middle of March, fully six months being lost; though occasional pieces of work were done to give local employment as far as possible.

SHANNON SLUICES.

The year 1891 was a notable one for the severity of the floods, the August flood being as great as that of 1861, but the benefit of the sluices was clearly shown, and the extent of land flooded was small in comparison with that of the previous date. The December flood, were it not for the sluices, would have been one of the highest on record.

The repairs required during the year were slight and were duly executed.

RIVER MAIGUE NAVIGATION.

The Collector's house and swivel bridge were repaired and maintained.

LOWER BOYNE NAVIGATION.

The works were maintained in good order during the year.

ROYAL UNIVERSITY.

Extensive improvements were carried out during the past year, consisting of the formation and fitting up a museum, oral examination rooms, and a sanitary annex.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS PROTECTION ACT.

(45 & 46 Vic., c. 79).

The head of the cross in the graveyard at Kells, which had fallen, has been carefully replaced, and the Round Tower has been pointed and repaired. Some expenditure has been incurred for the preservation of the ancient Church and Round Tower at Tulla, near Co. Dublin.

Works are being carried out at the Round Tower of Tullaberin, Co. Kilkenny, which was in a dangerous condition.

In addition, works have been undertaken or arranged for this year at the under-mentioned places:—Dunbeg Fort, near Dingle; Cahir Parcnagorivan; Clonghan More; Clonghan Beg; Glenfaun, Cahir.

Particular attention has been directed to the Monuments on the promontory of Dingle, Barony of Corcaguiny, which have proved most interesting subjects of exploration. Plans have been made, and a report is in hands which only awaits further information for completion.

To the West of Dingle, in the Barony of Corcaguiny, are several subterranean cells and forts, the majority of which have been inspected.

A stone, inscribed with crosses and Ogham inscriptions, found in one of the cells, is about to be transferred to the Museum of the Royal Irish Academy.

It is feared that owing to want of funds further exploration of these monuments cannot be undertaken this year, as there is a strong feeling that the money immediately available should be devoted to an exhaustive examination of the mounds on the Hill of Tara. Inquiries are being made from the best authorities as to the most satisfactory way of carrying out this work.

III.—NON-VOTED SERVICES.

This division of our duties comprises a variety of services placed under our control or management in pursuance of several Acts of Parliament. Though numerous, some of them are of only casual occurrence, and therefore do not form the subject of any special remarks.

Those on which special reports follow are arterial drainage works, where, except in the matter of occasional maintenance, our functions, in addition to making loan advances, are confined to advice to Drainage Trustees and Boards, in making awards for completed works, to distribute the proper proportion of charges among the proprietors of land in each district, and subsequently to apportion the charge on any lands sub-divided, and, when called upon to do so, to increase the rents of tenants in respect of these improvements.

We are charged with a variety of duties in connexion with fishery piers and harbours which are constructed by Government grants and by contributions from counties, and persons locally interested in these works. This duty is not confined to new works, but to the very numerous piers which have been constructed from time to time by Government aid since the year 1820, and which, although vested in counties, frequently require the direct interference of Government, either in the matter of repairs or otherwise.

The administration of the Shannon and other navigations in Ireland, whether maintained from their own funds, as in the case of the Shannon, or partly by votes of Parliament, involve considerable care and attention.

The next class of duties embraced in this division has been the administration of two special loan funds, one the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund, including ten distinct funds, applicable to the counties named hereafter in this Report. The funds of the eight maritime counties are applied to the purpose of loans to aid fishermen in buying boats, gear, nets, or in creating oyster beds; and in the case of two inland counties, Roscommon and Tipperary, to works of general utility by any Town Commissioners in these counties.

The Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund, which was handed over to us, in pursuance of an Act passed in 1884, is applicable for Fishery Loans in all the maritime counties of Ireland, a preference being given to those counties which are not in possession of any endowment under the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund.

Both the funds above referred to, with the exception of £20,000 of the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund, have lately been placed at the disposal of the Congested Districts Board, pursuant to 54 & 55 Vic., c. 48.

Another important branch is the care and preservation of 137 National ecclesiastical structures which have been vested in us from time to time, and are maintained out of a grant of £50,000 allocated for the purpose from the Irish Church Fund in pursuance of the Irish Church Act, 1869.

Certain duties in connexion with the Grand Jury system of Ireland still devolve on us, the principal of which are the occasional repair of Post Roads, the examination of County Surveyors' Assistants, the building of bridges between counties, and other miscellaneous duties.

The Report also shows that we are charged with certain duties in connexion with Limited Owners' Residences, Arbitrations under the Railway Acts, and in aiding the Local Government Board with certain financial duties connected with the Public Health Act, Emigration, Seed Supply, &c.

The Commissioners for the general control and correspondence, and for superintending and directing the erection, establishment, and regulation of the Asylums for Lunatic Poor comprise the Chairman of this Board associated with the Inspectors of Lunacy and other gentlemen, and the duties have been carried on as if forming part of the regular duties of this department.

The Board, acting under the powers conferred on them by the 45th, 46th, and 47th sections of the Act 1 & 2 Wm. IV., c. 33, and by deeds of mortgage, have entered into possession of the Letterkenny and Southern Railways, and exercise control over the revenues of Galway Harbour.

The Annual Accounts in these matters are included under the head of Services.

The receipts and expenditure incurred under the Miscellaneous Services are detailed in the Appendix A 4, A 5, A 6, and A 7, and amount to £80,957 and £87,615 respectively, as against £114,725 and £109,071 in the year to 31st March, 1891.

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE AND IMPROVEMENT OF LANDS (IRELAND) ACT, 1863, AND AMENDMENTS. 26 & 27 Vic., c. 88; 37 & 38 Vic., c. 72; 28 & 29 Vic., c. 52; 32 & 33 Vic., c. 72; 35 & 36 Vic., c. 31; 37 & 38 Vic., c. 32; 41 & 42 Vic., c. 59; and 43 & 44 Vic., c. 27.

The total number of applications received from the passing of the first of these Acts in the year 1863 to the 31st of March, 1892, is ninety-six.

The maps, plans, estimates, and valuation schedules have been deposited, together with petitions for the constitution of the Drainage District of the Stick river, county Cork, and for the Carrigrohane, Maglin, and Ballincollig Drainage District, county Cork; but the promoters of the former have not up to the present proceeded further with the matter.

The works have been in progress in the year in the following districts:—

River Suck, counties Galway and Roscommon, and Killard River, county Cork; and in the following cases the final awards have been made—Lough and River Erne Drainage and Navigation, counties of Fermanagh, Cavan, Monaghan, and Donegal; and Ballycolliton, county Tipperary.

A schedule of the final awards made under these Acts will be found in the Appendix, A 8.

The total area of land drained or improved in the 55 districts in which final awards have been made, is 111,068 statute acres, and the total cost chargeable thereto amounts to £764,822. This has been in addition to the works of the 121 districts, carried out under the Act 5 & 6 Vic., c. 89, and the Acts amending it, between the years 1843 and 1860, on which an expenditure of £2,390,612 was incurred, of which £70,301 was for works chargeable on counties; £141,073 a free grant; £1,296,312 remitted; and £1,043,227 made repayable by annuity or otherwise; a total of 266,736 acres were drained or improved under the latter Act.

INCREASED RENTS IN RESPECT OF DRAINAGE CHARGES.

During the past year sixty applications were received from proprietors to fix increased rents to be paid by the tenants, in respect of lands improved by drainage of one thousand and sixty holdings; seven hundred and twelve being tenants from year to year; sixty-two leaseholders; two hundred and eighty judicial tenants, and six tenant purchasers, and meetings have been held by us to determine the amounts.

The marked increase in the number of applications is due to the Lough and River Erne Drainage Award.

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE.

29 & 30 Vic., cap. 49.

There was one case of maintenance, the Owenabrockagh District, in the county of Mayo, the works of which were almost completed at the end of the financial year.

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RAILWAY CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT.

8 Vic., c. 20, sec. 25.

In the following cases the certificates of dimensions of culverts and waterways have been issued for the following Railways :—

Westport—Mallaranny.
Galway—Clifden.
Downpatrick—Ardglass.
Stranorlar—Glenties.
Donegal—Killybegs.
Ballina—Killala.
Headford—Kenmare.
Killoggin—Valentia.
Bray—Enniskerry.
South Clare (Miltown Malbay to Kilrush and Kilkee).
Achill Extension.
Athenry and Tuam (Tuam—Claremorris).
Baltimore Extension (Skibbereen—Baltimore).

The increase in the number of certificates is due to the application of the Light Railways (Ireland) Act, 1889, 52 and 53 Vic., c. 65.

FISHERY PIERS AND HARBOURS MAINTENANCE.

16 & 17 Vic., c. 136.

There were three cases of maintenance during the year, namely, Portstewart, County Londonderry, Pollnashivva, County Sligo, and Kilkeel, County Down. The first two were carried out at a cost of £160 and £194 respectively, and the works at the latter were still in progress at the close of the financial year.

SEA FISHERIES (IRELAND) ACT, 1883.

The balance of the Sea Fishery Fund unexpended at the close of the financial year was £4,604, and the repayment of loans during the current year will probably amount to £2,136 or £6,740 altogether. Of the sum of £7,000 sanctioned for additional works at Greystones £5,712 has been expended, and the balance may not be wholly required during the current year.

ARLLOW HARBOUR.

A commencement has been made by the Harbour Commissioners with the North Groyne Works, for which an expenditure of £7,000 was sanctioned by your Lordships.

CLARE SLIOS RECLAMATION.

This work was along with other similar works damaged by the extremely high tide and land flood combined, of October last, and it was since thought desirable to dispose by sale of the undertaking which has been done.

SHANNON NAVIGATION.

The works have been maintained in good order during the year. Extensive repairs, necessitated by the high floods, were carried out on the Canal and river banks along the Limerick portion. Two pairs of new deep gates for the Cussane and Battlebridge Locks were made; a breast gate for Victoria Lock and a pair of new deep gates at Athlone were made and erected.

IRISH REPRODUCTIVE LOAN FUND.

The statement which has been submitted to Parliament shows the total amount advanced on loan for fishery purposes (with two exceptions, viz., in counties Roscommon and Tipperary, for the erection of a Town Hall), in each of the ten counties interested, up to 31st December, 1891, and the total repayments to the same date; 323 loans for £7,049 were made in the year, as compared with 430 loans for £6,332 in the previous year. The repayments in the year amounted to £6,025 as compared with £6,308 in 1890. The arrears of instalments recoverable amount to £2,635, compared with £1,878 in the previous year.

Pursuant to the Act 54 & 55 Vic., cap. 48 (5 August, 1891), this fund has been placed at the disposal of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, but up to the end of June the arrangements for the transfer of the fund and its administration had not been completed.

The statement which has been submitted to Parliament shows the total amount advanced on loan for fishery purposes in each of the maritime counties to 31st December, 1891, and the total repayments to same date. This fund was primarily applicable to the execution of the counties not advised under the Irish Representative Loan Fund. Seventy-five loans, amounting to £2,184, were advanced during the year, as compared with 47 loans for £1,384 in 1890, and the repayments for the same period amounted to £1,525, as compared with £5,110 for 1890. The amount stood at £8,140 (of which £1,325 is irrecoverable), as compared with £1,745 in the previous year, the greater portion of which are in respect of loans made by the late Trustees. This fund (excepting a sum of £20,000, which will be realised and administered by this Board, together with the Inspectors of Fisheries) has, pursuant to the Act 14 & 15 Vic., cap. 48, been placed at the disposal of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, but up to the end of June the arrangements for taking over and administering it had not been completed.

II.—*Report by the Comptroller of Public Works, showing the Total Amounts Advanced, the Total Repayments, the Amounts of Death or Disability Bounties given as follows, together with the Balance outstanding, and the Amount on order, in respect of Loans advanced since the Fund was transferred in 1894 to be administered by the Public Department, up to the date of the Finance of Land and Occupied Districts (Public) Act, 1901 (29th August, 1902).*

Department, up to the date of the Purchase of Bond and Mortgage Securities (January 1, 1917 to June 30, 1917).										
Description.	Total Number of Shares Sold.	Sales System.				Proceeds, Total, in Bond (January 1, 1917).	Proceeds, Mortgage, Total, in Bond (January 1, 1917).	Interest.		
		In and Out, 1917.	Buying, 1917.	Total in and Out, 1917.	Proceeds, Total, in Bond (January 1, 1917).			No. of Shares.	Amount, 1917.	Amount, 1917.
General (Total sold by the Trust)	100	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100	100 00 00	100 00 00
Auto.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Coal.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Electric.	100	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100	100 00 00	100 00 00
Gas.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Hotel.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Insurance.	100	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100	100 00 00	100 00 00
Land.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Manufacture.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Mineral.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Other.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Public.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Real Estate.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Transportation.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Utilities.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
War.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Wholesale.	10	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	10	100 00 00	100 00 00
Total	100	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100 00 00	100	100 00 00	100 00 00

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ECCLESIASTICAL RUINS.

(Irish Church Act, 1869.)

32 and 33 Vic., cap. 42, sec. 25.

The following works have been carried out:—

The surrounding walls of the ruins on Skellig Rock have been rebuilt, and safe access from the sea provided by clearing the approach of weeds and rubbish. At the Rock of Cashel portion of the surrounding wall which had fallen has been rebuilt. At Ardmore, Co. Waterford, the decayed timber floors in the Round Tower have been removed; and one floor in the Tower at Monasterboice has been secured by iron girders, and portion of the end wall, which has fallen, is being rebuilt. At Holy Island, Lough Derg, repairs of a limited nature have been carried out, and an inspection will be made at an early day with a view to further work.

The ruins at New Town, Trim, are under repair.

Several of the ruins under the list of National Monuments have been inspected, including those on Arran Islands, the Church of St. Molua on a small Island in the Shannon; the Church of St. Flannan at Killaloe, and the tower of Screen Church. Works will be undertaken in each case where a necessity for repairs was disclosed.

POST ROADS.

Act 6 & 7 Wm. IV., cap. 116, section 61.

The repairs are in course of execution to the post road from—
Skibbereen to Baltimore.

COUNTY SURVEYORS' ASSISTANTS.

Six candidates for the office of County Surveyors' Assistants have been examined under the warrant of the Lord Lieutenant, pursuant to the provisions of the Act 6 & 7 Wm. IV., c. 116, and their qualifications certified to the County Surveyors.

LIMITED OWNERS' RESIDENCES (SETTLED ESTATE ACTS).

No application has been received under the Acts.

ARBITRATIONS UNDER "THE RAILWAYS (IRELAND) ACTS,"

(1851, 1860, 1864),

14 & 15 Vic., c. 70; 23 & 24 Vic., c. 97; and 27 & 28 Vic., c. 71.

Arbitrations have been applied for and Arbitrators appointed for the following, viz.:—

Railway Companies:

- Belfast and County Down Railway Company—Downpatrick, Killough, and Ardglass Railway.
Great Southern and Western Railway Company—Killorglin and Valentia Railway.
Ditto, ditto, ditto—Headford and Kenmare Railway.
Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway Company.
Ditto, ditto, ditto—Bantry Bay Extension Railway.
Baltimore Extension Railway Company.

Ballinrobe and Claremorris Light Railway Company.
 West Donegal Railway Company—Donegal and Killybegs Railway.
 Midland Great Western Railway Company—Galway and Clifden Railway.
 Ditto, ditto, ditto—Westport and Mallacanny Railway.
 Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Company.
 Athenry and Tuam (Extension to Claremorris) Light Railway Company.

Commissioners :

The Belfast City and District Water Commissioners.

Corporations :

The Corporation of Clonmel.

Boards of Guardians of Poor Law Unions.

Skibbereen,	} For purposes of Labourers (Ireland) Acts.
Cashel,	
Tipperary,	
Clonakilty,	
Rathdrum,	
Mullingar,	
Kells,	

Mitchelstown—Mitchelstown Water Supply.
 Naas—Newbridge Burial Ground.

RECEIVER ACCOUNTS FOR LOANS.

We continue in possession of the Southern (Thurles to Clonmel) and the Letterkenny Railways. The gross earnings of the Southern Railway in the year 1891 amounted to £9,965, and after paying for haulage, rent to the Great Southern, and other charges, there remained a surplus of £2,250. We received from the County Tipperary and the individual guarantors the sum of £3,145, to pay the dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the guaranteed stock, amounting to £62,900, which has been duly paid over to the shareholders holding that Stock.

The gross receipts of the Letterkenny Railway in the year 1891 amounted to £5,544, as compared with £5,593, in 1890, the surplus revenue being £1,671.

Our Receiver over the Galway Harbour Revenues reports a gross receipt in the year to 31st March last of £3,581 8s. 8d. We paid over to the National Debt Commissioners in the same time £2,739 9s. 9d, the balance being required for the maintenance of the harbour.

IV.—LIGHT RAILWAYS.

TRAMWAYS AND LIGHT RAILWAYS UNDER THE ACT OF 1883.

TRAMWAYS ACTS, 23 & 24 Vic., c. 152 (1860); 24 & 25 Vic., c. 102 (1861); 34 & 35 Vic., c. 114 (1871); 44 & 45 Vic., c. 17 (1881); and 46 & 47 Vic., c. 43 (1883).

Under the provisions of the Tramways Acts of 1860 and 1861 we are required, on the application of the promoters of tramway and light railway projects, to cause an inquiry to be held into the merits of the undertakings from an engineering point of view, and to any modification in that respect which may be advantageously made, and to report our opinion thereon. These reports are directed to be submitted to the

Grand Juries for their consideration in approving of the proposals made, prior to granting a baronial guarantee on the amount of capital required for the carrying out of any proposed undertaking, and to an Order of the Lord Lieutenant in Council being sought.

The cost of these inquiries has been defrayed out of funds deposited in our hands by the Promoters.

The following cases were brought forward for inquiry and were duly reported on by the Board:—Sydenham District, Belfast, Tramways; Belfast Street Tramways; Schull and Skibberoon Tramways Extension; Cork Tramways; Dingle Extension Light Railway; Pease Extension Light Railway; Brandon Extension Railway.

Our duty in connexion with guaranteed undertakings is that prescribed by the 10th section, subsection 4, of the Tramways Act of 1883, which enacts that before any Order in Council is made authorizing the carrying out of a guaranteed project, we are required to furnish the Lord Lieutenant in Council with an estimate of the amount of paid-up capital which will be necessary for the purposes of the undertaking. The estimates having been examined and checked for that purpose, are submitted to the Privy Council at the hearing of applications for Orders authorizing the construction of any line of tramway or light railway, and the Engineers who checked those estimates attend at the hearing and are examined thereon. The following table shows the applications which have been passed by the Privy Council under this Act, together with the valuation of guaranteeing areas, &c., &c. :—

The total mileage of projects guaranteed is 288 miles, viz. (see Nos. I. and II. in following list), and the guaranteed capital £1,256,112. The Orders have lapsed in five other cases, amounting to £191,200, detailed at III.

GUARANTEED UNDERTAKINGS PASSED BY PRIVY COUNCIL.

I.—CONSTRUCTED AND OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

Name of Project.	No. of Miles.	Promoter's Estimate.	Board's Estimate.	Amount of Guarantee.	Guaranteeing Area.		
					County.	Township.	Value.
Carraigbeg, Hubber, Junction Light Railway.	1	£ 7,500	£ 7,500	£ 7,500	Antrim.	Co. of Town of Carraigbeg,	£ 25,807
Cross, Liscinn, and Roscommon Light Railway.	40	361,150	934,000	40,000	Cavan, Leitrim,	Parts of Loughlin, Loughlin, Tullymore, Tullymore, Carrigrohilly, and Liscinn and Roscommon.	87,208
West Clare Light Railway.	27	100,000	170,000	100,000	Clare.	All Clare.	514,203
Ballinacorney and Tinseltown Light Railway.	6	50,000	51,000	50,000	Cork.	Bass and Berrymore, and E. Cork, E. O. (part).	45,074
Cork, Courtland, and Marney Light Railway.	10	70,000	74,150	70,000	"	Parts of E. Marney, Cork, and Courtland.	40,000
Schull and Skibberoon Light Railway.	14	87,000	81,000	87,000	"	West Cork, T.D., and E.D.	61,000
Dublin and Blackington Street Tramway.	10	60,000	60,000	60,000	Dublin and Wicklow.	Parts of Rathfarnham, Upper-avenue, Newmarket, and Tullamore.	50,000
Clogher Valley Tramway.	20	120,000	140,000	120,000	Fermanagh and Tyrone.	Parts of Magherafelt, Tullymore, Lower-avenue, and Clogher.	80,000
West Donegal Light Railway.	4	10,000	20,000	10,000	Donegal.	Parts of Tullymore and Bannagh.	10,000
Wicklowtown and Ferny Light Railway.	12	60,000	60,000	60,000	Cork.	Corktown and Cloughmore, and Ferny Quay.	70,000
Trillick and Dingle Light Railway.	37	120,000	124,400	120,000	Kerry.	Corktown, Cloughmore, Tullymore, and Ferny Quay, and Urban Sanitary District of Trillick.	140,000
Tinseltown and Courtland Light Railway.	5	10,000	10,000	10,000	Cork.	Bass and Berrymore, and E. Cork, E. O. (part).	45,000
	288			£1,256,112			

II.—LINES IN PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION.

Name of Project.	No. of Miles.	Proposed Estimate.	Borrow Estimate.	Amount of Guarantee.	Guaranteeing Area.		
					County.	Baronies.	Value.
Loughrea and Arigna Light Railway.	5	92,402	42,780	54,448	Galway.	Parts of Leitrim, Donegal, Achery, Keshmull, Longme, Longford, and Tynagh.	224,692
Bellinakeel and Clonsilla Light Railway.	12	79,673	31,119	71,684	Mayo.	Kilmore and Carrigrohilly.	55,187
South Clare Light Railway.	26	129,185	129,574	150,000	Clare.	All Baronies.	316,719
Tralee and Clonsilla.	17	92,943	66,741	88,000	Mayo.	All Baronies.	311,447
	64			£214,132			
Total I. and II.	308			£1,565,112			

III.—LINES WHERE THE ORDERS HAVE EXPIRED.

Armagh and Keady Light Railway.	9	42,669	35,400	40,000	Armagh.	Trimmer, Upper Fenn, and Lower Fenn.	51,828
Keshmull and Kesh Light Railway.	9	46,736	41,500	40,000	Clare.	Hoparia.	31,537
Woolfarn and Mount Bellew Tramway.	9	82,260	32,000	33,200	Galway.	Parts of Ballymore, Keshmull, Tynagh, Keshmull.	46,684
Shillagh and Montserrat Light Railway.	11	43,523	41,700	43,100	Wicklow, Wexford, and Carlow.	Shillagh, Bannockhill, and parts of St. Ballina Upper, and Feth.	96,794
Montserrat and Bannockhill Light Railway.	9	34,385	43,500	37,000	Wexford.	Bannockhill.	36,903
	48			£191,200			

An amount is provided in the Estimates to enable us to meet any contributions which may become payable in respect of the two per cent. guaranteed by Government under the 9th Section of the "Tramways (Ireland) Act, 1883."

We have paid in the year, in respect of the two per cent. guaranteed by the Treasury under this section of the Act of 1883, a sum of £5,370, reducing the amount contributed by counties for dividend purposes from £22,692 to £13,322, in addition to which a sum of £1,964 was levied on the Baronies to defray the excess of expenditure over receipts on some of the lines. A General Statistical Return is appended (vide Appendix C), showing the incidence of taxation, &c., &c., on the several areas charged under guarantee, and Map attached shows the Lines under the Acts of 1883 and 1889.

LIGHT RAILWAYS (IRELAND) ACT, 1889,

52 and 53 Vic., c. 66 ;

RAILWAYS (IRELAND) ACT, 1890,

53 and 54 Vic., c. 62 ;

TRANSFER OF RAILWAYS (IRELAND) ACT, 1890,

54 Vic., c. 2.

The Table in last year's Report is appended showing the complete scheme as eventually settled with your Lordships' approval :—

County.	Line.	Length.	Gauge.	Working Railway Company.	Free Cost.	Guarantee.	Date of Order in Council.
					£	£	
Donegal.	Donegal and Killybegs.	19	N.	West Donegal.	115,000	1,000	24th Oct., 1890.
Do.	Stranorlar and Glenties.	24½	N.	Finn Valley.	116,000	1,000	19th Sep., 1891.
Mayo.	Westport and Malinbeg.	18	B.	Midland Great Western.	131,400	—	1st Dec., 1890.
Do.	Bellin and Killybegs.	8	B.	do.	44,000	—	1st Dec., 1890.
Galway.	Galway and Clifden.	48	B.	do.	364,600	—	1st Dec., 1890.
Kerry.	Headford and Kenmare.	19½	B.	Great Southern and Western.	50,000	60,000	17th Feb., 1891.
Do.	Killarney and Valentia.	25½	B.	do.	85,000	70,000	17th Feb., 1891.
Cork.	Baltimore Extension.	7½	B.	Cork, Brandon, and South Coast Company.	58,700	—	17th Feb., 1891.
Do.	Bantry Bay Extension.	14	B.	do.	15,000	—	23rd Jan., 1891.
Down.	Downpatrick and Ardglam.	8	B.	Belfast and Co. Down Company.	30,000	—	23rd Nov., 1890.
				Total.	908,800	132,000	

The works continued to afford a large amount of relief employment in the congested districts, and the contractors, officials, and railway companies contributed to aid in this regard in a marked degree.

The Donegal and Killybegs Line obtained an Extension of Time Order in Council, dated the 23rd December, 1891.

The Board at the end of the year were still engaged in negotiations in regard to the Collooney-Claremorris and Malinbeg-Achill Lines.

The Table on following page shows concisely the operations under this service and it includes the latter Lines.

We have the honor to be

Your Lordships' obedient Servants,

R. H. SANKEY,

S. U. ROBERTS,

R. O'SHAUGHNESSY,

} Commissioners
of
Public Works
in Ireland.

P. J. TOOKY, Secretary.

Office of Public Works, Dublin,
18th June, 1892.

LIGHT RAILWAYS

STATISTICS OF RAILWAYS BEING

Current.	Description.				Source of Funds.			Amount or Balance of Outstanding Debt.	
	Name of Line.	Gauge.	Length.	Probable Cost without Rolling Stock.	By Government Grant.	By Local Grants.	By Working Company.	Year 1890-91.	Year 1891-92.
Drops.	Droptail and Edgely.	3 feet.	10	£ (a) 100,000 (Rolling Stock, 20,000.)	100,000	1,000	N/A.	5,111	11,000
	Bromley and Gillingham.	3 feet.	14	£ (a) 100,000 (Rolling Stock, 20,000.)	100,000	1,000	N/A.	7,000	1,000
Mays.	Ascham Extension.	3 ft. 6 in.	14	£ 85,000	Probable Grant. (a) 60,000	—	—	5,000	12,000
	Westport and Mullinagh.	3 ft. 6 in.	10	£ 175,000	87,500	—	Balance of Govt.	15,775	80,000
Galway.	Bellin and Killybeg.	3 ft. 6 in.	2	£ 40,000	40,000	—	do.	10,000	10,000
	Galway and Clifden.	3 ft. 6 in.	44	£ 300,000	300,000	—	do.	50,000	75,000
Mays.	Headford and Keshmone.	3 ft. 6 in.	10	£ 100,000	50,000	50,000	do.	11,000	20,000
	Edgely and Voburn.	3 ft. 6 in.	90	£ 200,000	50,000	75,000	do.	10,000	65,000
Cork.	Baltimore Extension.	3 ft. 6 in.	11	£ 40,000	40,000	—	do.	11,000	10,000
	Droptail Extension.	3 ft. 6 in.	10	£ 30,000	15,000	—	Balance of Govt.	1,000	5,000
Bryan.	Droptail and Ardara.	3 ft. 6 in.	2	£ 40,000	40,000	(a) 10,000	do.	5	10,000
	Colony and Clonsilla.	3 ft. 6 in.	67	£ (a) 300,000	Probable Grant. 140,000	(a) 120,000	do.	10,000	10,000
Bryan and Mays.	Preliminary Expenses and Contingents.	—	—	(Estimate) 20,000	(Estimate) 20,000	—	—	1,000	1,000
	Total.	—	—	£ 1,300,000	£ 1,300,000	240,000	—	100,000	200,000

(a) Including Rolling Stock, 20,000.

(b) The Treasury Contribution.

(c) The difference between the cost of the Railway and the amount of the Grant.

(IRELAND) ACT, 1889.

CONSTRUCTED UNDER SAME.

Contractor for Works.	Date of Order in Council.	Probable Date of Completion.	Remarks.
T. L. O'Shea, Furnishing War Materials, to H.M. Ordnance.	October 18, 1890, December 15, 1891. (Extension of Time Order).	End of 1892. . . .	Permanent War Materials entrusted to, and being supplied by, the H.M. Ordnance, and not constructed for public use, but to be used by H.M. Ordnance, and to be worked by H.M. Ordnance.
McCree & McFarland,	September 15, 1891. . . .	End of 1892. . . .	Exclusive contract for all works and the providing of Permanent War Materials and Land, in the proceeding and law. Building not yet constructed. To be worked by the Fine Valley Railway Com- pany. At present, works in the hands of the Government.
E. Worthington,	—	End of 1892. . . .	The works on this line are in the hands of the Government. The contract entered into with Mr. Worthington only includes the construction of the works on this line. The line is now in progress.
B. Worthington,	December 1, 1891. . . .	Spring, 1892. . . .	Midland Great Western Railway Com- pany are constructing, and have commenced to work the line in per- petuity.
T. H. Fulkner,	December 1, 1891. . . .	Summer, 1892. . . .	
W. Beadlock,	December 1, 1891. . . .	End of 1892. . . .	The line is being constructed, and will be worked by the Great Southern and Western Railway Com- pany in perpetuity.
T. H. Fulkner,	February 15, 1892. . . .	End of 1892. . . .	
T. H. Fulkner,	February 15, 1892. . . .	Spring, 1892. . . .	The line is now in the hands of the Government, but an agreement has been entered into with the Cork, Bandon and South Coast Railway Company to work it, and they are to provide the rolling stock.
W. Murphy and Co.,	February 17, 1892. . . .	June, 1892. . . .	
W. Murphy and Co.,	January 28, 1892. . . .	Summer, 1892. . . .	The line is being constructed, and it is to be worked by the Cork, Bandon, and South Coast Railway Company.
Belfast and County Down Rail- way Co.,	November 20, 1891. . . .	December, 1892. . . .	The line is being constructed, and is to be worked by the Belfast and County Down Railway Company.
Provisional Contractors— B. Worthington, Messrs. W. Murphy and Co.,	—	End of 1892. . . .	A large proportion of the earthwork and drainage, at this the building of some of the viaducts, but some of the work is now proceeding, and some which are now closed. Works are being taken with a view to the completion and working of the line.

(1) Passed by Grand Jurors, but not yet confirmed by Order in Council.
as charged to Relief of Distress.

(2) As yet charged to Relief of Distress.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.—

(A.)—ABSTRACT of the ACCOUNTS of the COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WORKS in IRELAND, showing the Total of

Subsidiary Account.	Page.	NAME OF ACCOUNT.	Subsidiary to SAC. MARCH, 1892.	Received.
A 1	42-43	Parliamentary Votes and Grants, viz. :— 1. Public Works and Buildings, Ireland, 2. Railways, Ireland, 3. Public Works Office, Ireland, 4. Exchange—Excess Receipts,	£ s. d. 57,144 15 4	£ s. d. 756,863 18 8
A 2	44-47	Loans Advances,	50,524 18 4	456,000 0 0
A 3	48-49	Loans Repayments,	—	603,837 17 3
A 4	50-53	Land Improvement Preliminaries, 16 Vic., c. 38,	457 5 4	1,025 0 3
A 5	54-55	District Lunatic Asylums,	2,103 11 0	30,078 0 6
A 6	56-57	Sea Fisheries, Ireland, 46 & 47 Vic., c. 25,	2,388 4 3	2,836 10 8
A 7	58-59	Miscellaneous Services, viz. :— 1. Deposit Accounts, 1 & 2 Wm. IV., c. 32, &c., 2. Railways and other Arbitrations, 34 & 35 Vic., c. 70, 3. Arterial Drainage Deposits, 26 & 27 Vic., c. 55, &c., 4. Piers—Distresses, 16 & 17 Vic., c. 134, 5. Ireland Navigators—Shannon, 6. Drainage Maintenance, 36 & 37 Vic., c. 48, 7. National Monuments, 29 & 30 Vic., c. 43, 8. Irish Reproductive Loan Fund, 47 & 48 Vic., c. 56, &c., 9. Sea and Coast Fisheries Loan Fund, 47 & 48 Vic., c. 55, &c., 10. Limer Hall, 11. Galway Harbour Receiver's Account, 12. Southern Railway, 13. Limerick Railway, 14. Busby Accounts,	20,434 15 0	41,884 15 8
		Total,	102,943 8 5	1,811,558 1 11
A 8	60-63	Statement of Final Award—under Arterial Drainage Act, 26 & 27 Vic., c. 55, with Repayments thereon, to the 31st March, 1892,		

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 7th May, 1892.

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ACCOUNTS.

Sums intrusted to their Management for Collection or Disbursement for Year ended 31st March, 1892.

Balance forwards, 31st March, 1891.	Total	Overdraw Balance from Account to the Credit, 1891.	Paid.	Balance on 31st March, 1892.	Total
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
—	813,776 13 9	—	695,123 2 1	261,585 11 8	813,776 13 9
—	449,934 19 4	—	435,077 15 8	1,647 3 1	449,934 19 4
—	683,937 17 3	—	635,987 17 3	—	683,937 17 3
—	1,680 3 7	—	1,634 2 9	263 19 10	1,680 3 7
—	57,676 11 3	—	85,361 11 1	1,684 0 9	57,676 11 3
—	4,544 15 0	—	2,960 16 1	1,583 18 11	4,544 15 0
—	63,529 6 0	—	44,976 7 8	15,362 0 3	63,529 6 0
—	3,014,592 8 8	—	1,972,558 19 3	141,546 17 11	3,014,592 8 8

O. H. BRADBELL, Accountant.

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of Public Works in the Year ended 31st March, 1892.

VOTES AND GRANTS.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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Salaries on Parliamentary Vote surrendered to H.M. Exchequer, viz.:-									
Public Buildings,	—			37,017	18	1			
Office of Public Works,	—			849	19	0			
							38,467	17	1
 FERRY BUILDINGS.									
Purchase of Sites and Buildings,	—			430	0	0			
 NEW WORKS AND ALTERATIONS:-									
Royal Hospital,	5,019	12	11						
Quartermaster Buildings,	8,297	0	8						
Naval Reserve Buildings,	480	10	10						
Quarantine Survey Buildings,	3,742	2	10						
Chief Secretary's Office,	10	9	4						
Dublin Castle—State Apartments,	1,746	6	11						
Registry of Deeds Office,	432	9	8						
Kingsdown Police Court,	8	17	11						
Dublin Metropolitan Police Station,	305	0	0						
Constabulary Buildings,	10,180	15	7						
Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum,	1,016	13	1						
Science and Art Buildings,	2,294	17	11						
Botanic Gardens,	122	0	0						
Royal College of Science,	169	0	6						
 National Education Buildings:-									
Ordinary Literary Schools,	50,648	12	10						
Do, do, 1890-91,	333	15	0						
Transfer,	48	0	0						
Teachers' Bunkrooms,				50,352	7	10			
Queen's College,	1,083	4	2						
Inland Revenue, Galway,	111	19	0						
Postal and Telegraph Buildings,	8,164	2	2						
Royal University,	843	14	10						
Kingsdown Hackney,	1,569	2	4						
Artificial Drainage—Fesh District,	25,000	0	0						
Clare Road Reclamation,	932	18	4				36,888	6	11
 Carried forward,									
	—						37,298	6	11
							38,467	17	1

AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS

(A 1)—PARLIAMENTARY

RECEIPTS—continued

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Carried forward.

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AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS

(A 1.)—PARLIAMENTARY

RECEIPTS—continued.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	372,847	16	10
PUBLIC BUILDINGS—continued.									
2. RATES IN, DUBLIN:—									
Vote,	—			458,029	0	0			
Refunds from Vote for Relief of Distress (Chief Secretary's Dept.), &c., &c.,	—			17,884	0	0			
							475,913	0	0
3. GRANTS OF PUBLIC WORKS (CLASS II.):—									
Vote,	—			34,034	0	0			
Supplementary Vote,	—			1,030	0	0			
Transfers or Reallocations,	—			127	6	5			
Appropriations in Aid,	—			2,432	3	10			
							38,623	12	8
4. EXPENDITURE EXTRA REVENUE:—									
PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS:—									
Buildings:—									
Buildings,	2,806	10	4						
Salon,	149	17	8						
				2,756	8	0			
Parks:—									
Buildings for Gardening,	302	3	6						
Salon,	188	19	1						
Kingsdown Harbour:—							468	19	7
Dues,	1,584	17	1						
Rents,	348	10	1						
Sales of Old Material,	20	0	0						
Water supplied to Shipping,	107	11	0						
Ballast,	62	5	2						
Fires of Flares and Candles,	28	14	8						
Boat Licences,	3	3	6						
Flora,	10	0	0						
Howth Harbour:—							1,837	19	4
Dues,	77	4	8						
Rents,	150	14	11						
Donaghadee Harbour:—							267	19	5
Rents,	14	9	0						
Salon,	2	0	0						
Armagh Harbour:—							18	9	0
Rents,	6	8	0						
Dues,	129	9	4						
Salon,	55	4	9						
Downport Harbour:—							501	0	1
Rents,	45	14	8						
Dues,	28	16	3						
Malina Navigation:—							75	9	11
Tolls,	—						8	10	5
Boyne Navigation:—							113	14	1
Tolls,	—						20	0	0
Clare Shob Reclamation:—									
Rent,	—								
National Schools:—							5,829	18	8
Defund for Grants for Building,	—						533	15	0
Office of Public Works,	—						0	10	0
							6,144	3	8
							818,778	15	8

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of Public Works in the Year ended 31st March, 1892.

VOTES AND GRANTS—continued.

EXPENDITURE—continued.		£	s	d.	£	s	d.	£	s	d.
Brought forward, . . .		—			256,512	17	1	53,467	17	1
1. PUBLIC BUILDINGS—continued.										
Transfers, 1890-91 :—										
Maintenance—	Chief Secretary's Lodge,	10	11	6						
	Probate Office,	3	7	2						
	College of Science,	3	6	4						
	Geological Survey Office,	2	2	0						
Furniture :—	Kingstown Harbour,	—					19	6	0	
	Dock Works—River Shannon,	—					0	6	4	
							5,431	7	0	
										251,953 17 2
2. RAILWAYS, IRELAND :—										
Repayments to Companies under Tramways and Public										
Companies Act of 1883,		—			2,379	6	7			
Night Railways (Ireland) Act, 1889, §§ 2 & 3 Vic., c. 66,		—			248,382	9	2			
										250,761 14 9
3. OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS (CLASS II.) :—										
Salaries,		25,731	13	1						
Travelling Expenses,		3,099	19	2						
Incidental Expenses,		266	19	0						
Land Improvement and Land Law Act—Loans,		7,818	17	6						
Compensation,		1,199	0	0						
							38,047	9	7	
Appropriations in Aid—Refunds,		—					45	10	2	
										53,803 19 10
4. EXERCISES, EXTRA RESOURCES :—										
Public Buildings :—										
Taxes refunded, Cante, &c.,		—					10	10	11	
Howth Harbour :—										
Taxes refunded,		—					5	1	7	
Kingstown Harbour :—										
Taxes on Property at Dalkey,		0	14	8						
Cost of procuring Ballast for Shipping,		45	18	4						
							45	13	0	
Clare Slab Reclamation :—										
Income Tax,		—					1	15	0	
Transferred to H. M. Excise,		—					5,820	12	9	
										5,824 12 3
										695,123 2 1
Balance,		—								121,035 11 6
										816,158 13 9

G. H. BRADBELL, Accountant.
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(A 2).—An Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN

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Office of Public Works, Dublin, 7th May, 1892.

of Public Works in the Year ended 31st March, 1892.

ADVANCES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Public Works Loans,						
Amount advanced on Loans, viz.:-						
Grand Juries of Counties,	4,382	0	0			
Island Navigation,	5,000	0	0			
Public Buildings,	7,500	0	0			
Harbours, Docks, &c.,	2,860	0	0			
Housing of the Working Classes,	15,691	10	0			
Globe Loans, 33 & 34 Vic., c. 113,	17,185	14	0			
Public Health, 37 & 38 Vic., c. 53,	93,294	13	5			
Drainage Maintenance, 39 & 40 Vic., c. 49, &c.,	890	0	0			
District Drainage Boards, 26 & 27 Vic., c. 88,	5,784	0	0			
Post Roads, for Repairs, 6 & 7 Wm. IV., c. 118,	—					
Land Improvement Preliminary Expenses,	500	0	0			
Repairs of Fishery Piers,	763	8	5			
Lunatic Asylum Buildings, 1 & 2 Geo. IV., c. 33,	55,438	19	11			
Labourers' Acts,	115,132	16	8			
Land Improvement, 10 Vic., c. 25, &c.,	20,804	0	0			
National School Teachers' Residences,	13,616	0	0			
Dispensary Houses,	2,235	6	5			
New Visited Schools and Training Colleges,	6,325	0	0			
Land Law, 44 & 45 Vic., c. 48, c. 31,	41,506	0	0			
Seed Supply Act, 1890,	24,385	9	5			
						438,877 12 3
Balance unissued,	—					1,147 7 1
						440,024 19 4

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(A 3).—AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC WORKS LOANS

	Repayments	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Public Works Loans:—		
Amounts received in repayment:—		
Grand Juries of Counties,	9,435 14 6	
Local Boards,	19,463 6 3	
Boards and Bridges,	10,389 8 7	
Island Navigations,	5,336 5 10	
Public Buildings,	1,428 17 7	
Railways,	73,451 1 11	
Quarries, Mines, and Miscellaneous,	51 13 2	
Harbours, Docks, &c.,	21,307 1 1	
Fishery Piers and Harbours,	54 17 8	
Labourers' Dwellings in Towns,	10,606 1 11	
Artisans' Dwellings,	1,376 1 9	
Housing of the Working Classes,	12,637 18 10	
Globe Loans,	25,803 12 1	
Public Health,	62,036 14 5	
River Drainage and Navigation, 5 & 6 Vic., c. 39,	31 4 11	
River Drainage Maintenance, 23 & 30 Vic., c. 45, &c.,	2,595 8 0	
River Drainage, 26 & 27 Vic., c. 38,	35,781 2 8	
Loans per Act 37 Geo. III., c. 34,	160 0 0	
Foot Roads, Repairs,	43 9 9	
Land Improvement Preliminary Expenses,	483 11 3	
Repairs of Fishery Piers,	888 0 0	
Lunatic Asylums Buildings,	31,843 8 11	
Building Schools,	59 6 5	
Seed Supply, 1889,	1,619 2 6	
Seed Supply, 1890,	20,760 6 1	
Emigration,	781 8 6	
Labourers' Acts,	53,026 10 5	
Land Improvement Loans,	112,826 6 0	
National School Teachers' Residences,	5,631 13 4	
Dispensary Houses,	3,183 10 8	
Non-Vested Schools and Training Colleges,	1,531 13 5	
Land Law, 44 & 45 Vic., c. 49, s. 31,	46,732 10 7	
Land Act Loans, 33 & 34 Vic., c. 40,	18,507 19 9	
		559,036 9 1
Church Fund Loans:—		
Land Improvement,	40,801 8 10	
Sanitary,	1,480 3 6	
Baronial Works,	21,610 12 5	
Relief of Distress,	815 4 11	
Arterial Drainage,	101 17 8	
		64,809 6 3
		623,845 17 3

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 7th May, 1892.

(A 4).—LAND IMPROVEMENT

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from last Account,	—	457 5 4
Amount received from National Debt Commissioners by way of Loans,	200 0 0	
“ “ from Proprietors in Repayment of Preliminary Expenses,	725 0 3	
		1,323 0 3
		1,680 5 7

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 7th May, 1892.

of PUBLIC WORKS, in the Year ended 31st March, 1892.

REPAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By transfers to National Debt Commissioners,	—			388,018	9	1
By transfers to Irish Land Commissioners,	—			64,692	8	2
				452,710	17	3

O. H. BOARDMAN, Accountant.

PRELIMINARIES, 1891-92.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount paid to National Debt Commissioners in Repayment of Advances,	665	11	2			
“ paid for Preliminary Investigations, Advertising, Stationery, &c.,	750	12	6			
Balance carried to next Account,	—			1,434	3	9
				215	13	10
				1,649	3	7

O. H. BOARDMAN, Accountant.

(A 5).—LUNATIC

AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE by the COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WORKS, IRELAND, (on 1892, pursuant to Act 1 & 2

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last Account,	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,103	11	0
Amounts received from the Public Works Loan Fund on account of Loans to the following District Asylums:—									
Armagh,	—	—	—	500	0	0			
Belfast,	—	—	—	2,000	0	0			
Belfast, Grazing of Holywell Estate,	5,000	0	0	5,114	0	0			
Castletbar,	114	0	0	1,800	0	0			
Clonmel,	—	—	—	809	1	10			
Cork,	—	—	—	11,000	0	0			
Kilharney,	—	—	—	2,600	0	0			
Kilkeenny,	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Limerick,	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Londonderry,	1,300	0	0	1,306	6	4			
Sale of Expansion Joists,	6	5	4	879	18	1			
Merrigheen,	—	—	—	9,023	18	0			
Mullingar,	9,000	0	0	—	—	—			
Sale of old Boilers,	23	15	0	640	0	0			
Owagh,	—	—	—	200	0	0			
Richmond,	—	—	—						
Waterford,	—	—	—						
							35,073	0	3
							37,675	11	5

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 6th May, 1892.

(A 6).—SEA FISHERIES

AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE by the COMMISSIONERS of PUBLIC WORKS,

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last Account,	—	—	—	2,305	4	3
Amounts received in repayment of Loan—						
Ballydoyle Pier,	45	1	4			
Limerick Harbour,	140	16	0			
Kilkee Boat Slip,	24	9	0			
Ansonbeg Harbour,	72	16	6			
Kilkeel Harbour,	166	18	6			
Caldiff Pier,	36	6	9			
Port Salen Pier,	132	10	0			
Portewart Harbour,	124	3	4			
Malin Head Pier,	334	12	6			
Glenties Pier,	219	11	10			
Carrington Harbour,	366	12	10			
Carrigrohane Harbour,	256	11	4			
Kilmore Harbour,	214	6	2			
Ballyhalbert Pier,	129	13	6			
				2,236	10	9
				4,644	15	0

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 7th May, 1892.

ASYLUMS BUILDINGS.

Account of the Commissioners for the Control, &c., of Lunatic Asylums) during the year ended 31st March, 1892, c. 33, &c., &c.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amounts expended on the following District Asylums, viz:—									
Armagh,	—			187	13	5			
Ballinacree,	—			2,280	8	4			
Belfast,	—			5,148	8	2			
Castibar,	—			1,853	11	7			
Chesham,	—			200	6	9			
Cork,	—			10,768	16	4			
Kilmarney,	—			2,167	0	8			
Kilkenney,	—			648	4	11			
Limerick,	—			115	16	6			
Londonderry,	—			1,133	16	1			
Monaghan,	—			619	12	6			
Millingar,	—			9,166	6	9			
Craugh,	—			224	12	3			
Richmond,	—			499	5	2			
Waterford,	—			144	12	4			
							36,261	11	1
Balance,	—			—			1,418	0	2
							37,679	11	3

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(IRELAND) COMMISSION.

IRELAND, during the Year ended 31st March, 1892, pursuant to Act 46 & 47 Victoria, cap. 25.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Expenses of Engineering Staff,	—			340	12	5			
Amounts expended on the following Works:—									
Greyson's Harbour,	2,600	5	8						
Portstewart Harbour,	160	0	0						
				2,760	5	8			
							3,000	18	1
Balance,	—			—			1,803	18	12
							4,804	18	0

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(A 7).—AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE by the COMMISSIONERS
MISCELLANEOUS

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last Account,	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,434	13	0
1. DEPOSITS FOR PRELIMINARY EXPENSES OF LOANS, &c. :— Received from Bankers,	—	—	—	—	—	—	862	12	10
2. RAILWAY AND OTHER ARBITRATION EXPENSES, 14 & 15 Vic., c. 70 :— Received from Railway Companies and others, to meet Expenses of Arbitrations,	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,870	8	5
3. ARTERIAL DRAINAGE DEPOSITS, 25 & 27 Vic., c. 85, &c. :— Received from Drainage Boards on Account of Preliminary and other Expenses,	—	—	—	—	—	—	184	17	7
4. FERRY—MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, 16 & 17 Vic., c. 130 :— Buncrana—Transfer from Local Loans Fund,	93	14	11						
Do., Sale of Plant, &c.,	4	17	1						
Follishevia—Transfer from Local Loans Fund,	193	19	9			96	13	0	
Do., Sale of Plant, &c.,	2	17	6						
Killybeg—Transfer from Local Loans Fund,	—	—	—			190	17	3	
Glenties—Transfer from Local Loans Fund,	74	16	2			200	0	0	
Do., Sale of Plant, &c.,	25	6	0						
Portlough—Transfer from Local Loans Fund,	200	19	7			100	9	2	
Do., Sale of Plant, &c.,	8	10	4						
Mallabeg—Transfer from Local Loans Fund,	—	—	—			260	2	11	
						30	0	0	
									804 14 4
5. ISLAND NAVIGATIONS :— Shannon River :— Boats,	—	—	—			2,194	7	3	
Tolls,	—	—	—			1,628	16	8	
Sales, Refunds, &c.,	—	—	—			10	7	3	
									3,830 13 2
6. MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE WORKS, 23 & 25 Vic., c. 49 :— Ovenshockagh District,	—	—	—			—			400 0 0
7. NATIONAL MONUMENTS, 32 & 33 Vic., c. 43 :— Dividends on Stock,	—	—	—			—			503 1 0
Carried forward,	—	—	—			—			29,336 0 4

of PUBLIC WORKS, IRELAND, during the Year ended 31st March, 1892.
SERVICES.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. DEPOSITS FOR PRELIMINARY EXPENSES OF LOANS, &c.:— Paid to Societies,	—	—	—	—	—	—	717	13	2
2. RAILWAY AND OTHER AMBULANCE EXPENSES, 14 & 15 Vic., c. 70:— Paid to Valuers, &c.,	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,099	2	3
3. ARTIFICIAL DRAINAGE DEPOSITS, 26 & 27 Vic., c. 88, &c.:— Paid for Preliminary Expenses, Arbitrators, &c.,	—	—	—	—	—	—	224	7	2
4. FIELDS—MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, 16 & 17 Vic., c. 135:— Bonnema—Labour, Materials, &c., Folliscliffa—Do., Kilkeel—Do., Cloggan—Do., Portlough—Do., Malinbeg—Paid to Contractor,	—	—	—	—	85	17	10	—	—
	—	—	—	—	196	17	3	—	—
	—	—	—	—	180	10	4	—	—
	—	—	—	—	33	10	1	—	—
	—	—	—	—	268	3	11	—	—
	—	—	—	—	30	0	0	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	754	16	5
5. INLAND NAVIGATIONS:— Shannon River:— Maintenance and Repairs of Works, Superintendence, Salaries, and Gratuities, Repayment of Glass Castle Pier Loan,	—	—	—	—	2,294	7	3	—	—
	—	—	—	—	1,145	9	1	—	—
	—	—	—	—	473	9	7	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,914	8	11
6. MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE WORKS, 29 & 30 Vic., c. 49:— Owenduffagh District, Kildare District,	—	—	—	—	340	1	8	—	—
	—	—	—	—	4	0	0	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	344	1	8
7. NATIONAL MONUMENTS, 32 & 33 Vic., c. 45:— Maintenance— Salaries and Travelling Expenses of Architects; Caretakers' Wages, Incidents, &c.,	—	—	—	—	269	4	6	—	—
Restoration Works— Cashel, Newtown Abbey, Holy Island, Lough Derg, Great Skelligs Rock,	—	—	—	51	18	5	—	—	—
	—	—	—	58	9	11	—	—	—
	—	—	—	6	2	0	—	—	—
	—	—	—	37	6	4	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	153	16	8
	—	—	—	—	—	—	423	1	2
Carried forward,	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,487	9	10
	—	—	—	—	—	—	H	—	—

(A 7).—AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS

MISCELLANEOUS

RECEIPTS—continued.						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,						—			—			29,395 0 4		
8. INNER REPRESENTATIVE LOAN FUNDS, 37 & 38 Vic., c. 86, &c., and 34 & 35 Vic., c. 43 :—						Discounts on Stock, &c.			Repayments.					
County Clare,	.	.	.	.	.	61	6	4	225	18	9			
" Cork,	.	.	.	.	.	75	16	10	1,750	2	7			
" Galway,	.	.	.	.	.	89	6	0	1,850	4	4			
" Kerry,	.	.	.	.	.	408	5	4	761	6	7			
" Leitrim,	.	.	.	.	.	57	13	0	—					
" Mayo,	.	.	.	.	.	57	5	5	1,148	9	9			
" Sligo,	.	.	.	.	.	58	14	3	237	14	7			
" Roscommon,	.	.	.	.	.	183	15	0	44	7	7			
" Tipperary,	.	.	.	.	.	101	5	0	166	17	5			
" Limerick,	.	.	.	.	.	104	18	8	13	4	5			
						1,198 5 10			6,118 4 0			7,316 9 10		
9. SEA AND COAST FISHERIES FUNDS, 47 & 48 Vic., c. 31, and 54 & 55 Vic., c. 48 :—														
Reserved for the Congested Districts Board,						302 1 9			3,575 17 9					
Non-congested Districts,						233 15 0			—					
						535 15 2			3,575 17 9			4,111 13 11		
10. LUNEN HALL, 41 Vic., c. 1 :—														
Rents,						—			—			434 14 11		
11. GALWAY HARBOUR ENGINEER'S ACCOUNT :—														
Dues, &c.,						—			3,574 5 8					
Sale of Old Boiler,						—			7 0 0			3,581 5 8		
12. SOUTHERN RAILWAY :—														
Net Revenue for year ending 31st December, 1891,						—			3,909 18 10					
Amount received for payment of Mutual Guaranteed Dividends,						—			3,349 1 11			7,259 0 9		
Carried forward,						—			—			51,099 5 5		

of PUBLIC WORKS in the Year ended 31st March, 1892.

SERVICES—continued.

EXPENDITURE—continued.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward, . . .					—	—	—	—	—	—	7,487	9	10
3. IRISH REPRESENTATIVE LOAN FUND, 37 & 38 Vic., c. 33, &c., and 54 & 55 Vic., c. 42, &c. :—					Adm'n.			Law Costs.					
County Clare,					112	0	0	2	18	0			
" Cork,					1,617	0	0	3	10	8			
" Galway,					1,376	10	0	33	12	9			
" Kerry,					761	10	0	3	13	3			
" Mayo,					746	0	0	32	17	6			
" Sligo,					128	0	0	2	2	0			
" Limerick,					50	0	0	—	—	—			
					5,191	0	0	76	14	2	5,267	14	2
5. SEA AND COAST FISHERIES FUND, 47 & 48 Vic., c. 21, and 54 & 55 Vic., c. 48 :—													
Paid for the Congested Districts Board,					2,076	10	0	7	10	9			
Non-congested Districts,					2,319	0	0	—	—	—			
					4,395	10	0	7	10	9	4,395	0	9
10. LONDON HALL, 41 Vic., c. 1 :—													
Rent and Salaries,					—	—	—	179	16	4			
Transfer to Her Majesty's Exchequer,					—	—	—	200	0	0	429	16	4
11. GALWAY HARBOUR REVENUE'S ACCOUNT :—													
On account of repayment of Loan,					—	—	—	2,739	9	9			
Salaries, Maintenance of Works, &c.,					—	—	—	825	15	4	3,565	5	1
12. SOUTHERN RAILWAY :—													
Repayment of Interest on Loan,					—	—	—	2,200	0	0			
Rent and General Charges,					—	—	—	1,550	10	9			
Dividends on Rural Guaranteed Stock,					—	—	—	2,145	0	0	7,195	10	9
Carried forward,					—	—	—	—	—	—	28,248	18	11

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(A 7).—AN ACCOUNT showing the RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the COMMISSIONERS
MISCELLANEOUS

RECEIPTS—continued.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought forward,	—	—	—	—	—	—	52,099	6	5
13. LUTHERBURGH RAILWAY:— Net Revenue for year ending 31st December, 1891,	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,811	11	5
14. SEVERAL ACCOUNTS:— Carriage of Kildare,	—	—	—	46	15	0			
Loose Insurances,	—	—	—	687	5	6			
Income Tax,	—	—	—	614	15	1			
Land Commission (Church Property) Office,	—	—	—	400	0	0			
Labourers' Dwellings Loans, Receiver's Account,	—	—	—	279	10	7			
Leishurst Landing,	—	—	—	100	0	0			
Chief Secretary's Gardens,	—	—	—	412	2	7			
Contractors' Deposits lodged with Tenderers,	—	—	—	73	2	0			
Island Bridge Waterworks,	—	—	—	23	17	9			
Board of Admiralty,	—	—	—	80	17	2			
Drainage Works, Owing Account,	—	—	—	14	8	6			
Bevel of Trade,	—	—	—	2,104	12	10			
Dividends on Stock lodged as Contractors' security,	—	—	—	5	12	0			
Fishery Loan Fund, Stumps,	—	—	—	26	6	4			
Temporary Receipts,	—	—	—	5,128	17	10			
							8,345	10	2
							49,259	6	0

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of PUBLIC WORKS in the year ended 31st March, 1892.

SERVICES—continued.

EXPENDITURE—continued.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward,		—	—	—	—	—	—	28,245	18	11
13	LETTERBERRY RAILWAY:—									
	Repayment of Interest on Loan,	—	—	—	1,500	0	0			
	General Charges,	—	—	—	151	8	1	1,881	8	1
14	Sundry Accounts:—									
	Carrage of Kildare,	—	—	—	48	16	0			
	Loans Insurance,	—	—	—	695	1	4			
	Income Tax,	—	—	—	825	1	11			
	Land Commission (Church Property) Office,	—	—	—	251	13	4			
	Labourers' Dwellings Loan, Receiver's Account,	—	—	—	384	16	0			
	Waterford and Wexford Railway,	—	—	—	18	11	11			
	Letterberry Landing,	—	—	—	18	3	8			
	Chief Secretary's Gardens,	—	—	—	446	8	11			
	Cork and Muskerry Railway,	—	—	—	168	1	2			
	Contractors' Deposits, refunded,	—	—	—	54	1	0			
	Relief of Distressed Union,	—	—	—	105	0	0			
	Island Bridge Waterworks,	—	—	—	6	9	9			
	Board of Admiralty,	—	—	—	80	3	5			
	Dunragga Works Closing Account,	—	—	—	0	5	8			
	Board of Trade,	—	—	—	2,115	0	7			
	Dividends on Stock lodged as Contractors' Security,	—	—	—	4	4	0			
	Fishery Loan Fund, Stamps,	—	—	—	24	15	7			
	Temporary Receipts,	—	—	—	11,908	9	5	16,778	9	9
	Balance,	—	—	—	—	—	—	45,078	7	9
								15,881	0	3
								61,959	8	0

O. H. BRADGILL, Accountant.

(A 8.)—ARTERIAL DRAINAGE.—

These Works are executed by District Boards in

SCHEDULE.—ABSTRACT OF FINAL AWARDS, and Repayments

Districts.	Grantee.	Date when Awards made final.	Area of Flooded or Improved Land, which have been Drained or Improved, (Statute Measure).	Cost per Acre of the Drainage, including Interest, &c.	Increase in the Annual Letting Value of these Lands, caused by Drainage.	Amount of Repayment to be made, to the Grantee, with Interest, after deducting Deductions.	By
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Grantee.
Abbey River, . . .	Meath, . . .	4th April, 1869, .	1,388 0 27	8 0 8	559 16 8	573 18 1	1
Ballinacorney, . . .	Limerick, . . .	2nd Oct., 1875, .	170 0 8	7 1 8	62 5 1	—	2
Ballynascree, . . .	Queen's, . . .	9th Oct., 1883, .	632 2 0	4 8 8	204 15 0	71 8 4	75
Ballymilton, . . .	Tipperary, . . .	9th Oct., 1881, .	587 1 10	4 14 6	93 7 8	40 10 11	43
Ballynacarrig, . . .	King's and Queen's, . . .	9th April, 1888, .	9,602 1 23	3 7 3	318 14 0	—	3
Ballyvaughan & Kilmaree, . . .	Wexford, . . .	9th Oct., 1888, .	3,222 3 22	3 8 10	1,888 4 9	863 10 5	64
Ballyvaughan, . . .	Kildare, . . .	12th Mar., 1875, .	1,833 2 30	4 9 6	558 4 3	137 10 2	18
Barrakyle, . . .	Limerick, . . .	3rd April, 1869, .	1,017 1 32	9 15 1	607 19 9	153 2 8	39
Barrinacorney, . . .	King's, . . .	27th Mar., 1875, .	925 3 30	3 7 1	197 12 8	28 12 3	15
Beckley River, . . .	Waterford, . . .	20th Sept., 1870, .	809 1 20	3 4 3	297 2 1	95 18 8	8
Bride River, . . .	Cork, . . .	9th Oct., 1882, .	1,969 3 4	3 15 8	831 3 2	171 7 8	79
Canoga, . . .	Limerick, . . .	20th Sept., 1876, .	1,560 3 0	9 2 1	877 4 8	230 18 2	60
Clodagh River, . . .	Tipperary, . . .	30th May, 1872, .	1,657 1 4	4 3 7	398 3 7	165 13 4	7
Cashes, . . .	Kerry, . . .	9th Oct., 1880, .	4,744 2 19	2 2 0	583 14 4	268 0 2	89
Cassell, . . .	Kildare, . . .	10th Jan., 1870, .	747 3 0	3 7 5	173 12 2	36 3 9	3
Currygrange, . . .	Longford, . . .	9th Oct., 1882, .	114 3 37	5 9	37 14 1	12 3 0	75
Derrinavagh, . . .	King's, . . .	8th Oct., 1874, .	522 0 30	8 8 6	143 15 4	47 5 10	14
Dookyle, . . .	Limerick, . . .	8th Oct., 1871, .	409 9 38	6 2 7	145 9 2	58 7 4	8
Douglas River, . . .	Carlow, . . .	31st Mar., 1875, .	5,088 2 0	4 7 8	922 18 0	397 3 8	18
Elphin, . . .	East Lothian, . . .	25th Mar., 1872, .	5,295 3 12	4 11 2	1,039 1 10	371 7 3	7
Folkstone, . . .	Meath, . . .	9th Oct., 1880, .	201 3 82	3 2 1	89 3 3	3 15 11	14
Do., . . .	Do., . . .	8th Oct., 1881, .	—	—	—	28 11 8	30
Do., . . .	Do., . . .	8th Oct., 1881, .	—	—	—	21 4 7	19
Freshford River, . . .	King's, . . .	27th Mar., 1875, .	1,204 2 0	6 3 8	414 18 0	107 12 3	18
Do., . . .	Do., . . .	4th April, 1884, .	—	—	—	17 3 11	40
Garristown and Dalvin, . . .	Meath and Dublin, . . .	2nd April, 1882, .	8,292 0 15	1 9 4	481 3 0	4 7 8	12
Glasham, . . .	Cork, . . .	4th April, 1889, .	128 1 0	10 9 4	111 15 3	109 5 3	33
						35 9 8	15
						31 15 10	39
Brought forward, . . .			35,835 2 31	—	10,953 5 0	2,594 10 11	

a These charges have expired.

26 & 27 Vic., c. 88, &c.

accordance with the Provisions of the above Acts,
thereon, for the Year ended 31st March, 1892.

Total Amount Advanced, including interest to date of Account.	Portion of Total Advances charged to Grants for Public Works, or refunded by Drainage Board.	Amount charged on Loans.	Repayments.			Districts.
			To 31st March, 1892.	For year ended 31st March, 1892.	Total.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
11,141 16 2	-	11,141 16 2	15,325 4 5	547 10 9	15,872 5 4	Adelphi River.
1,258 3 10	-	1,258 3 10	1,258 15 5	37 10 9	1,295 4 4	Ballinacorney.
2,580 8 6	50 10 0	2,570 18 6	1,265 15 6	140 16 10	1,405 10 7	Ballyshannon.
1,461 8 0	57 10 0 + 66 0 0	1,357 18 0	-	165 6 0	165 6 0	Ballywillin.
4,076 9 1	-	4,076 9 1	5,322 8 5	150 0 6	5,472 8 11	Ballynacorney.
13,741 5 6	-	13,741 5 6	1,264 16 2	633 7 6	1,898 3 11	Ballyvaughan and Kilmac.
6,211 1 6	500 15 6	7,500 8 0	5,645 6 6	331 8 10	6,176 6 7	Ballyvaughan.
3,166 17 8	*406 16 7	7,577 8 6	4,363 12 10	492 12 5	4,755 4 3	Bunaskyle.
2,332 0 0	-	2,330 0 0	325 11 4	331 17 6	656 18 10	
3,107 2 4	-	3,107 2 4	3,626 6 10	168 16 10	3,794 8 0	Bushmills.
4,325 12 0	-	4,325 12 0	5,475 10 7	330 1 6	5,805 11 6	Brickley River.
6,781 8 2	105 2 6	6,815 8 6	5,331 2 6	260 2 7	5,591 4 9	Bride River.
11,745 19 6	200 0 0	11,945 19 6	7,881 16 4	607 10 11	8,488 3 3	Cumea.
6,856 11 6	-	6,836 11 6	5,326 10 0	814 16 1	6,140 8 1	Cladagh River.
10,554 16 0	-	10,554 16 0	12 8 2	331 1 6	814 6 11	Cadogan.
2,482 13 0	-	2,482 13 0	3,301 11 7	105 0 0	3,406 12 4	Conest.
926 15 0	-	626 15 0	331 11 9	16 7 6	647 16 2	Corrymore.
2,356 12 6	40 0 0	2,355 12 6	2,110 1 5	60 12 0	2,170 12 6	Devineburgh.
2,616 8 0	-	2,616 8 0	2,011 8 9	48 12 9	2,059 2 2	Doonbeg.
13,803 8 8	160 0 0	13,975 8 8	14,757 10 5	644 4 1	15,401 14 6	Douglas River.
13,540 17 0	455 0 0	13,995 17 0	16,334 2 0	777 7 8	17,111 9 8	Elphin.
1,621 12 0	-	1,621 12 0	168 12 3	73 10 4	241 2 7	Fallinora.
465 13 0	45 0 0	358 13 0	-	84 6 7	84 6 7	Do.
3,746 8 4	60 0 0	3,686 8 4	6,641 16 4	138 0 3	6,779 16 7	Frankford River.
576 17 4	-	576 17 4	483 1 11	43 8 3	526 7 4	Do.
6,946 13 0	415 0 0	7,361 13 0	3,300 14 6	216 8 4	3,516 22 0	Garristown and Uddin.
1,204 12 0	-	1,204 12 0	187 10 3	91 0 0	278 10 3	Glasheen.
151,333 13 8 2,330 0 0	6,507 16 2	157,839 13 2	119,413 7 0	7,368 1 2	125,521 8 11	

* Drawn out of the Irish Charities Fund.

* Refunded by Drainage Board, being portion of advances not expended.

(A 8.)—ARTESIAL DRAINAGE.—

These Works are executed by District Boards in

SCHEDULE.—ABSTRACT OF FINANCIAL AWARD, and Repayments

District.	Comtee.	Date when Awards made final.	AMOUNT of Financial Award, which has been granted or approved by District Board.	COST PER ACRE of the Drainage, including Interest, &c.	Revenue in the Annual Letting Value of these Lands, saved by Drainage.	Amount of Interest payable half-yearly, to 10% per Cent. with interest, after deducting Redemption.	Net Balance.	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Carried forward,		20,565 2 21	—	10,028 5 0	3,504 10 11		
Greenagh, . . .	Lunnick, . . .	4th April, 1859, .	3,350 3 24	5 9 4	544 9 9	307 11 4	67	
Gully, . . .	Queen's, . . .	4th Oct., 1873, .	1,034 0 10	4 4 11	242 15 2	109 5 9	12	
Gully Upper, . .	Queen's, . . .	14th Mar., 1873, .	600 1 18	4 13 7	159 29 9	30 5 4	34	
Hagan's Pass, . .	Tipperary, . . .	9th Oct., 1856, .	635 1 59	5 13 8	289 13 10	121 1 5	60	
Inny, Upper, . .	Meath, Westmeath, Longford, & Caron,	4th April, 1861, .	1,335 2 7	7 9 3	2,769 2 4	1,557 11 5	69	
Island Lakes and Glens River, . .	Mayo, . . .	2nd April, 1873, .	1,427 0 32	5 13 5	443 5 6	159 16 10	51	
Kildare, . . .	Kildare, . . .	28th Sept., 1877, .	2,347 3 30	5 11 8	596 7 10	59 1 11	23	
Kilcastella, . .	Tipperary, . . .	26th July, 1870, .	1,661 1 15	3 10 7	532 12 2	241 5 7	3	
Lansow, . . .	Meath, . . .	5rd April, 1883, .	879 1 23	7 0 7	504 12 10	120 29 8	35	
Low River, . . .	Kildare and Carlow, . .	2th Oct., 1883, .	1,684 3 20	15 8 11	836 5 0	584 5 7	65	
Lough Erne, . .	Cavan, Donagall, Fermanagh, & Monaghan,	4th April, 1861, .	15,927 0 23	11 13 11	4,718 11 8	3,630 18 10	96	
Do. (Navigation), .	Do., . . .	—	—	—	—	550 3 5	—	
Lough Oughter, . .	Cavan, . . .	4th April, 1879, .	2,977 1 50	5 1 11	843 18 2	307 14 8	60	
Milford, . . .	Cork, . . .	8th Oct., 1837, .	1,013 0 10	8 14 2	466 0 7	221 15 10	62	
Morning Star, Upper,	Limerick, . . .	4th April, 1868, .	659 5 35	8 12 3	255 1 0	173 13 0	65	
Mulkear River, . .	Limerick, . . .	30th Sept., 1877, .	3,239 9 24	9 4 1	923 2 11	355 17 3	58	
Nanny River, . .	Meath, . . .	4th April, 1860, .	754 3 0	10 5 1	685 15 2	300 19 0	63	
Do., Upper, . . .	Do., . . .	4th April, 1860, .	163 1 50	5 7 3	73 11 2	98 1 10	63	
Owenron, . . .	Do., . . .	4th April, 1860, .	2,207 2 0	5 0 3	691 7 8	295 0 11	65	
Parsonstown, . .	Tipperary and King's,	22d Sept., 1874, .	2,712 0 1	4 4 6	659 19 5	266 10 8	30	
Quilagh, . . .	Carlow, . . .	16th Jan., 1870, .	260 5 0	3 13 3	203 1 3	62 10 6	2	
Rathangan River, .	Kildare, . . .	4th April, 1863, .	8,664 2 3	8 12 5	5,044 19 10	1,284 12 5	75	
Rathdowney, . .	Queen's, . . .	9th Oct., 1836, .	413 1 29	3 3 1	189 0 4	28 4 3	4	
Slieve River, . .	King's & Westmeath, . .	9th Oct., 1870, .	1,052 2 30	3 12 3	215 10 9	95 1 11	5	
Slievebridge, . .	Clare, . . .	4th April, 1871, .	2,385 0 4	7 13 2	1,392 14 11	479 19 8	5	
Stoneyford River, .	Kildare, . . .	6th Oct., 1854, .	3,664 0 0	6 13 3	1,620 15 10	877 9 10	80	
Swanlinbar, . . .	Cavan, . . .	23rd Mar., 1869, .	965 9 12	7 3 0	133 15 2	45 9 5	60	
Willy Burn, . . .	Donagall, . . .	9th Oct., 1856, .	1,404 2 12	5 2 1	435 5 5	115 2 10	63	
[Continued on next page.]			Total, . . .	103,487 0 21	—	22,288 15 9	15,941 3 8	—

a These charges have been refunded.

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in accordance with the Provisions of the above Acts,
thereon, for the Year ended 31st March, 1892.

Total Amount Advanced, including interest to date of Account.	Portion of Total Advances charged to County for Public Works, or refunded by Drainage Board.	Amount charged on Loans.	Expenditure.			Station.
			To 31st March, 1892.	For year ended 31st March, 1892.	Total.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
181,303 18 8 72,350 0 0	2,307 10 3	181,198 3 5	158,412 7 6	7,198 1 9	125,291 9 11	
13,391 7 0	518 0 0 *573 10 6	13,392 14 8	1,345 6 8	376 8 6	1,820 3 11	Grainagh.
4,637 11 6	-	4,637 11 6	4,688 13 4	529 18 11	5,236 14 3	Gully.
2,447 15 2	78 0 9	2,377 15 8	1,841 15 1	213 8 6	2,114 19 8	Gully, Upper.
5,695 19 0	374 4 0 *320 0 0	4,841 8 0	1,403 7 5	312 1 4	1,780 8 9	Hegarty Pass.
58,496 8 0	2,192 19 4 *3,750 0 2	56,538 19 8	47,074 12 1	8,432 8 8	50,494 0 3	Isay, Upper.
5,704 16 7	333 0 0 *150 0 0	5,358 18 7	5,460 4 0	428 12 6	4,563 16 9	Inland Lanes and Grove River.
6,867 4 6	288 0 0	6,387 4 6	9,796 6 8	124 8 8	9,930 7 5	Killare.
10,880 7 6	-	10,880 7 6	14,193 18 8	451 4 11	14,644 13 5	Kilkeash.
6,617 18 10	68 13 4	6,161 17 6	3,154 4 11	313 8 3	3,369 16 4	Laracor.
27,618 8 0	908 0 6	27,714 9 6	5,389 15 6	1,117 8 7	7,206 10 1	Lerr River.
161,537 16 0	-	161,537 16 0	-	8,473 7 11	8,473 7 11	Lough Erne.
17,197 14 0	17,197 14 0	Nil.	4,336 16 11	1,198 8 8	5,503 4 9	Do., Navigation.
16,188 4 6	-	16,188 4 6	10,413 1 7	809 17 8	11,024 16 6	Lough Ogish.
8,871 14 6	-	8,871 14 6	1,037 8 3	337 14 8	1,375 4 6	Millford.
7,425 0 0	230 0 9	7,373 9 6	1,158 3 0	341 6 1	1,509 11 1	Morning Star, Upper.
39,779 6 9	694 1 0	39,814 18 0	10,923 18 6	1,321 14 11	21,125 6 7	Mulmar River.
6,663 8 7	544 0 2 *79 16 7	6,048 8 6	1,651 11 2	493 8 7	2,034 19 9	Nanny River.
1,643 18 8	-	1,643 18 8	130 9 6	22 3 6	189 12 10	Do., Upper.
11,406 12 8	345 16 8	11,121 19 0	1,738 8 3	547 6 4	2,560 10 9	Owenron.
11,899 17 1	150 0 0	11,549 17 1	9,193 9 1	489 2 10	9,864 10 11	Parsonstown.
2,700 16 6	*300 0 8	2,590 18 8	3,337 6 8	125 1 8	3,680 10 3	Quinagh.
77,607 8 3	1,185 0 6	76,422 8 9	85,654 17 3	6,188 13 7	93,660 19 10	Rathangan River.
2,646 8 8	-	2,646 8 8	3,736 14 3	35 14 4	3,794 6 7	Rathdowny.
5,921 2 0	-	5,921 2 0	8,208 10 3	195 6 16	5,409 14 1	River River.
20,320 18 11	424 1 6	19,904 12 3	24,637 9 5	656 19 7	25,435 2 0	Shambridge.
22,290 8 0	1,843 11 10 *900 0 0	20,394 8 9	11,223 2 10	1,287 14 2	16,380 17 0	Shanagh River.
9,043 3 8	145 6 0	8,898 8 8	1,436 17 6	117 13 11	1,360 19 7	Swadishan.
6,339 13 8	337 16 8 *14 0 9	5,978 14 8	5,885 6 7	337 6 11	6,063 13 8	Sully Barn.
777,633 6 4 72,350 0 0	65,276 18 7	744,754 8 6	357,049 3 4	22,500 0 1	369,481 11 5	

† Drawn out of the Irish Church Fund.

* Excluded by Drainage Board, being portion of advances not expended.

(A 8.)—ARTERIAL DRAINAGE.—

These Works are executed by District Boards in

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE WORKS in progress

Districts.	Counties.	Date when Awards made final.	Area of Flooded or Inundated Lands, which have been drained or improved, Statute Measures.	Cost per Acre of the Drainage, including Interest, &c.	Increase in the Annual Land-Value of these Lands, caused by Drainage.	Amount of Land-rents payable half yearly, to repay Cost, with Interest, after deducting Redemption.	Number of half yearly instalments to repay principal and interest.
			A. R. P.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	From preceding page.	—	108,427 6 51	—	32,895 15 10	18,641 5 6	—
Turbot River, . . .	Tyross, . . .	3rd April, 1875, .	453 1 16	11 7 1	336 15 10	{ 134 2 6	6 16
Tory Hill, . . .	Lisnack, . . .	2nd April, 1878, .	981 2 2	6 4 6	424 13 4	{ 146 2 0	24
Tramore, . . .	Cork, . . .	26th Sept., 1890, .	320 0 17	6 2 9	343 18 4	{ 69 14 3	41
Ward River, . . .	Dublin and Meath, .	4th April, 1893, .	888 0 18	7 10 1	214 7 3	{ 20 17 19	17
Kilard, . . .	Cork, . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
River Bush, . . .	{ Galway and Ros- common. }	—	—	—	—	—	—
Do. (Catchment Area),	Do., . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total charge against Districts,			111,288 1 36	Average 8 17 8	34,336 19 7	16,692 1 11	

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 7th May, 1893.

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in accordance with the Provisions of the above Acts.

showing the Issues made to 31st March, 1892.

Total Amount advanced, including Interest, to Date of Award.	Portion of Total Advances charged to Grants for Public Works, as indicated by Exchange Board.	Amount charged to Loans.	Expenditure.			Districts.
			To 31st March, 1891.	For period ended 31st March, 1892.	Total.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
{ 777,663 6 4 / 9,360 0 0 }	{ 35,978 19 7 }	744,754 6 3	327,049 3 4	50,309 6 1	389,491 11 5	
{ 3,302 1 6 }	187 10 0	3,144 11 8	3,303 17 6	178 11 10	5,630 3 4	Toront River.
{ 6,130 13 8 }	-	6,130 13 8	4,361 10 1	182 3 6	4,523 16 7	Tory Hill.
{ 2,023 13 0 }	70 0 0	1,963 13 0	111 3 3	99 16 11	911 9 3	Tramore.
{ 5,845 17 8 }	196 19 0	5,646 18 9	3,227 14 5	285 4 5	2,619 19 11	Ward River.
{ 1,530 0 0 }	-	1,530 0 0	-	-	-	Widford.
{ 96,200 0 0 / 3,736 1 0 }	{ 1,744 1 9 }	100,341 19 3	331 7 3	629 14 6	904 1 3	River Stock.
{ 10,000 0 0 }	10,000 0 0	-	-	164 17 10	134 17 10	Do.
907,755 16 3 / 6,312 1 0		754,322 7 6 / 91,791 19 3				
913,991 17 3	47,477 10 4	868,414 6 11	352,744 19 10	32,894 0 2	405,629 0 0	

/ Issued out of the Church Fund.

† Not yet under charge.

O. H. BRADDELL, Accountant.

APPENDIX B.

KINGSTOWN HARBOUR.

SUMMARY OF RAINFALL AND TIDAL OBSERVATIONS.

Month.	Rain.				Wind.					
	Fall in inches during month.	Maximum in Twenty-four Hours.		Number of days on which rain fell.	Maximum at High Water.			Maximum at Low Water.		
		Date.	Fall in inches.		Date.	Height.	Wind.	Date.	Height.	Wind.
1891.										
April.	1.95	4	0.61	10	8	12 9	P.N.E.	9	Pl. in. -0 10	E.N.E.
May.	2.22	6	0.29	12	6	12 7	S.W.	8	+0 4	S.E.
June.	2.54	4	0.22	12	4	12 0	E.N.E.	25	+0 5	N.E.
July.	1.46	6	0.52	19	21	11 6	S.E.	23	-0 3	N.W.
August.	3.37	9	0.69	19	21	12 3	N.E.	22	-0 4	S.W.
September.	1.69	24	0.42	13	19	12 0	N.W.	22	same.	S.E.
October.	3.79	6	0.56	14	16	13 2	N.W.	19	+0 6	N.W.
November.	0.67	11	1.20	12	17	13 6	N.W.	2	+0 10	S.
December.	3.46	7	1.60	16	2	13 6	W.	14	+0 9	N.W.
1892.										
January.	0.70	17	0.23	0	16	13 5	S.E.	13	+1 2	N.W.
February.	2.40	21	0.48	16	1	13 0	W.	11	+0 8	N.W.
March.	0.75	18	0.23	4	1	13 5	E.	29	-0 10	N.W.

FISHERY REPORT for year ending March 31st, 1892.

This year was not, on the whole, very favourable for fishing; the fishermen say the wind was either too light to take them to the fishing grounds, or too strong for them to fish when there. The catches, when fishing, were up to the average, the number of trawlers, 62, and their average tonnage, 45 tons, being about the same as formerly, but in consequence of the weather the number of hampers landed were about 2,000 less than last year. The average price for the last year was rather less than for the one preceding. In 1891 there were 11,068 hampers, averaging £1 10s. In 1892 there were 9,308 hampers, averaging £1 7s. 6d. The best month was July, when 1,784 hampers were landed; there being a good demand the price kept up to £1 5s. The smallest take was in January, when only 243 hampers were caught, and the price was only about £1 2s. 6d. The price was kept down by large consignments of herrings in barrels landed in Dublin. The best day for the last two years was on the 10th of March, when 343 hampers were landed, and the price was good considering the quantity, £1 1s. 6d. A hamper averages 2 cwt. Kingstown and Skerries are the two principal places where fish are landed, but it is believed more are landed at the latter place. Fish caught on long lines are included in above. They average from one or two hampers a day. Last summer was the worst herring season that there has been. Herrings appear, at least for the present, to have given up visiting the coast. There were six Manx boats, and they landed only 17 mease. There were no herrings landed here by Irish boats. The average price was about £1 10s. per mease (500 go to a mease). During the summer of 1890 there were 190 mease landed. The winter herring fishing is done entirely by the local boats; there were about thirty boats fishing, but they were not so successful as the winter before. It only lasts one month, namely, November. They got 221 one night. In November, 1890, 1,000 mease were landed. The best take last November was only 42. The average price was about £1.

HOWTH HARBOUR.—COUNTY DUBLIN.

The imports for this year are as follows :—

Coal, 3,658 tons.
Potatoes, 95 tons.
Oysters, 1,600 barrels.

The herring fishing is still falling off, as there was only 1,547 menae sold at an average price of £1 1s. 8d. per menae.

Long Line Fishing.—There were 223,962 hook fish—sold for £2,319—or 10,180 cleaves (averaging 22 fish in each cleave) sold for about 18s. per cleave.

Boats employed fishing—Scotch, 42; Irish, 32; Manx, 2; English, 2. Total, 78.

With reference to the fishing out of this Port it has been failing for the last few years, and this year to a greater extent. Owing to the herring fishery falling off it has been a great loss to the fishermen, especially to the Scotch boats who came so far and at great expense, and the few that were here last year said they would not come again, having fished for a fortnight with very little result.

Trawling.—Having obtained the opinions of the fishermen as to the failure they all attribute it to the increase of trawling and the early fishing at Kinsale.

The greatest number of boats out for one night was 52—the highest catch being made the night of 23rd June. The average price given shows the average of all herrings, but the best quality and most part of the herrings averaged £1 10s. per menae.

The fishing ground was as usual from north-east to south-east of Howth, distance from eight to twenty miles.

DUNMORE HARBOUR.—COUNTY WATERFORD.

Within the past year 20 first-class sailing trawlers fished in the deep outside. This branch of the fishing industry has been on the decline for the past three years, and 9 of the above boats, which constantly fished out of Dunmore for the last ten years, left in June for Tonhy, and most probably will not return. The open-decked trawling boats that fish within the headlands of Waterford Harbour never had a worse season. Boats employed in the shell-fishing industry did fairly well, receiving a ready demand for their takes. Lobsters were hought up for 12s. to 14s., and crabs 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per dozen.

The Salmon season of 1891 which opened with 62 drift net boats on the lower waters of the Suir and Barrow was below the average, and realised from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. per lb.

In July and August Peel became very plentiful, and prices fell as low as 7d. per lb. Taking a general view of the entire season the Salmon was below, and the Peel above the average; up to this there has been little or no improvement, and nothing but complaints are heard among the drift net fishermen.

The Herring fishing commenced on the 16th June, and the takes were small and the fish of an inferior quality up to the 21st August, when large shoals of prime fish set in, some boats capturing as much as 146 menae for one night's take, but owing to the stormy state of the weather during the month of October the fishing had to be abandoned; the result was that only 12,168 menae was landed, and sold at from 8s. to 17s. per menae; the amount realised £7,025.

The quantity of Trawl fish, 4,227 cwt., sold for £2,587. All other fish, 3,699 cwt., £422.

The numbers of boats employed during the year were as follows :—Irish boats, 104; English, 11; Manx, 9; Scotch, 4; making a total of 128; 2,700 tons, 709 men, and 72 boys. Cargo vessels, 19; 1,463 tons, 96 men.

Imports were—1,497 tons of coal, 396 tons of salt.

DONAGHADIE HARBOUR.

A RETURN showing the Service of the Harbour for the Twelve Months ending the 31st March, 1892

	Vessels.	Tons.
Shipping.—Tonnage entering the Harbour with Cargoes to discharge—or load,	107	9,305
Tonnage resorting to the Harbour for shelter	34	2,209
Number of Tons of Coal imported,	—	15,655
Other Merchandise, Imported and Exported:—		
IMPORTED.		
Granite,	55	Nil,
Salt,	91	—
EXPORTED.		
	Vessels.	Tons.
Number of Fishing Vessels resorting to the Harbour for Shelter, with their Tonnage and Number of Men,	31	437
		104
Quantity of Herrings landed and sold, and price sold at,	475	301 0 0
	Tug Boats.	Yachts
Number of Tug Boats and Yachts using the Harbour,	53	88

SHIPPING of all kinds to and from DONAGHADIE HARBOUR, during the year ending on 31st March, 1892.

—	Registered Tonnage.	Cargo Tonnage.	Description of Cargo.	Observations.
105 Sailing Vessels,	9,105	15,655	Coal,	Discharged cargo.
1 " " .	50	55	Granite Stone, .	Do.,
1 " " .	50	91	Salt,	Do.,
52 Tug Boats,	—	—	—	Called into harbour either for shelter or for orders.
34 Coasting Vessels,	—	—	—	Called into harbour either for shelter or windbound.
31 Fishing Boats, .	—	—	—	Do., do. do.
16 Yachts, . . .	—	—	—	Do., do. do.
8 Fishing Boats, .	—	—	Herrings, . . .	To sell 475 mense.

The quantity of Coal brought to this port during the past year was about 1,357 tons less than the year before, but this falling off was on account of the "strikes" at the coal mines, &c.

HERRING FISHING AT ARDOLASS.

Fishing commenced here last season on 1st June and ended on 16th September. The capture of fish during the season was about 5,944 mense, which was the smallest quantity taken for many years (less than two years ago by 11,398 mense). The demand was good all through the season, and the prices ranged from 37s. 6d. down to 5s. 6d. per mense. The average price during the season was equal to about 16s. 6d. per mense. The buyers were all local dealers; no strange buyers, and not a single steamer called for herrings, so that there was no competition to keep up a steady price. Altogether it was a very bad season for fishermen and many of them left in debt.

The numbers of boats fishing were—35 Scotch, 19 Manx, and 78 Irish, in all, 133 boats, being 86 less than the year before. During the last two or three seasons a good number of the Scotch and Manx fishermen that formerly fished from this Station have left and made Kilkeel their head quarters. Since that harbour was improved they find it more convenient to remain there, it being so much nearer to the best fishing grounds.

SHIPPING to and from ARDGASS HARBOUR during the year ending on 31st March, 1892.

	Registered Tonnage.	Gross Tonnage.	Description of Cargo.	Observations.
8 Sailing Vessels, .	669	1,210	Coal, . . .	Discharged cargo.
4 " " .	270	435	Potatoes, . . .	Taking in cargo.
2 Steamers, . .	198	299	Do, . . .	Do.
1 Sailing Vessel, .	21	24	Oats, . . .	Do.
1 " " .	22	26	Bone Manure, .	Discharging cargo.
1 " " .	46	80	Lime, . . .	Do.
2 " " .	100	180	Stones for paving, .	Do.
3 Steamers, . .	485	893	Timber Sleepers, .	Do.
7 " " .	484	1,200	Iron Balls, . . .	Do.
5 Smacks, . .	38	8	Herrings, . . .	Taking in cargo.

In addition to the above, 25 tug boats called either for shelter or for orders, and 7 trading vessels called for shelter.

During the past year there was a falling off in the local trade from the previous year, viz. :—113 tons of coal less imported, and 948 tons of potatoes less exported; but, on the other hand, on account of the new railway, we had imports of timber and iron which made the gross tonnage much over last year.

APPENDIX

TRAMWAYS AND PUBLIC COMPANIES (IRELAND)

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN showing INCIDENCE of TAXATION on the several
(Ireland) Act, 1853.

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* Not yet under construction in all towns. [†] temporary

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Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vic., cap. 43.

Areas charged under Guarantees in pursuance of the Tramways and Public Companies 46 & 47 Vic., cap. 43.

Levies against Guarantees.			Footage Rate of last two Levies.	Tramway Contributions.			Tramway Contributions for past two half-years.
Amount payable to last two Levies.	Less two Levies.	Total.		Amount prior to last distribution.	Last contribution to date given.	Total.	
<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>		<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
15,130 10 0	3,294 4 0	21,289 18 0	30d	6,306 7 3	1,040 8 4 (24th March, '91)	1,082 11 11	2,122 18 9
4,064 27 0	1,125 16 10	4,715 9 10	7000d.	1,307 8 4	511 8 2 (24th March, '91)	1,308 11 2	425 10 4
7,340 0 0	5,335 4 14	8,223 11 4	84d	3,084 8 8	675 0 8 (21st May, '91)	3,084 8 8	687 7 8
27,773 0 11	8,043 18 8	36,730 9 3	1s. 7½d	6,600 0 0	1,070 0 0 (21st May, '91)	6,600 0 0	3,606 4 7
26,773 10 1	5,373 0 0	34,607 10 1	County of Lurgan, 1884; County of Down, 1884; and Ennis, 1884; 7000d.	3,800 0 0	1,000 0 0 (24th April, '91)	3,800 0 0	2,200 0 0
1,300 0 0	0 0 0	1,300 0 0	7000d.	—	—	—	—
3,007 1 0	3,000 12 9	6,006 13 1	7000d.	—	—	—	—
14,430 0 0	4,320 0 14	15,850 12 7	E.D.W. Railway, 1884; W.D. & G.W. Railway, 1884.	4,320 4 4	850 0 0 (24th June, '91)	4,320 4 4	4,340 0 0
907 18 0	800 14 1	1,400 0 0	7000d.	120 18 1	300 0 4 (21st Nov. '91)	307 18 5	311 0 4
4,000 12 14	1,000 14 0	5,000 7 2	7000d.	5,300 0 0	600 10 10 (24th June, '91)	5,900 10 0	900 4 4
5,172 10 0	3,000 0 7	8,172 0 7	7000d.	600 12 4	300 0 0 (24th June, '91)	600 12 4	310 0 12
2,400 4 11	600 27 0	3,000 8 7	84d	800 18 3	300 0 0 (24th June, '91)	1,000 18 3	17 0 30
5,000 10 0	3,000 4 0	8,000 10 0	1s. 7½d.	—	300 0 0 (24th June, '91)	300 0 0	200 0 0 (24th June, '91)
700	1,500 18 0	1,500 18 0	84d	—	—	—	—
4,100 10 1	6,000 18 4	11,172 18 5	Guarantee of 1884; County of Lurgan, 1884; County of Down, 1884; and Ennis, 1884; 7000d.	—	300 0 0 (24th June, '91)	300 0 0	300 0 0 (24th June, '91)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
300 0 0	5,100 11 10	5,400 11 10	County of Lurgan, 1884; County of Down, 1884; and Ennis, 1884; 7000d.	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	26,014 14 1	1,300 0 4	42,750 18 0	15,000 18 1

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